

Unionist party quits Assembly and calls for SAS aid

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The future of the Northern Ireland Assembly was in jeopardy last night after the withdrawal of the Official Unionist Party in the wake of the murder of three church elders in a Pentecostal hall on Sunday. The party wants the Government to send in the SAS to deal with increased terrorism in Northern Ireland and says its 27 members will not enter the Assembly until there is a tough security policy that works. Mr James Prior's initiative aimed at restoring devolved government to the province looks increasingly fragile as only the Democratic Unionist Party and Alliance Party will now be participating. The Official Unionist vote to withdraw was 21-4, but some Assembly members were bitter at what they saw as the leadership's attempt to use the attack in Co Armagh to achieve its long-term aim of wrecking the Assembly. Mr Prior, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, yesterday appealed for calm amid fears that Northern Ireland may witness a new round of tit-for-tat sectarian killings. Mr Prior was concerned about the possibility of a Protestant backlash in the wake of anger and revulsion at the attack on the Mountain Lodge Pentecostal Hall near Darkley, Co Armagh. The Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, had said his party would organize armed protection for Protestants in border areas. He said such action would be entirely within the law if the authorities could not provide protection for Protestants. But Mr Prior said the Government would not allow any part of the community to take the law into their own hands however angered or desperate they feel. He revealed that the police had received information that an attack might be mounted against members of the police while at worship over the weekend. The murders filled him with "horror and remorse". Though in the course of the 14-year campaign of terrorism in Northern Ireland there had been other incidents involving greater loss of life, none before has involved the cold-blooded murder of people at worship. Mr Prior gave a clear indication last night that the SAS is already operating in Co Armagh. On his arrival back at Stormont, he said the SAS was in Northern Ireland and when asked whether it was in Armagh, he replied: "I am not going to say whether they are. You must draw your own conclusion". Mr Prior's condemnation and fears of retaliation were echoed in a rare joint appeal for calm from the leaders of Ireland's four main churches. And Dr

Garret FitzGerald, Prime Minister of the Republic, said: "Who on this island will not share a sense of horror, revulsion and shame at this blasphemous sectarian massacre? Evil has rarely shown itself so sordidly as at Darkley, Co Armagh." The three men who died as the terrorists fired up to fifty shots at the isolated wooden hall were Mr Harold Brown and Mr David Wilson from Kead and Mr Victor Cunningham from Armagh. Four men and three women were still in hospital last night. The blood-spattered hall was sealed off yesterday while forensic scientists searched for clues. A group calling itself the Catholic Reaction Force has claimed responsibility for the attack, but police believe the killers were from the Irish National Liberation Army, hiding behind a front name. The police think the operation was masterminded by Dominic McClinchey, who is wanted for questioning about 15 murders. The INLA said last night that it was investigating the attack and admitted that it had armed nationalists in Armagh. A Ruger rifle used in the killings has been linked with a weapon used in three INLA terrorist attacks. It was used in the murder of two police officers in Market Hill, Co Armagh, a year ago, and in an attack on a security barrier at Dungannon, Co Tyrone, in which two INLA gunmen died. Continued on back page, col 1



Bonn fury: Riot police seizing a demonstrator during yesterday's protest outside the Bundestag where the nuclear missiles were being debated. Report, page 6. More photographs, back page.

BA win on 'smash and grab raid'

By Michael Bailey, Transport Editor. Lord King chairman of British Airways, has won his fight to prevent the airline being split up for sale to the private sector next year. British Caledonian's plan to take over a number of BA routes and pay £200m for aircraft and other assets described by the BA chairman as a "smash and grab raid" will be firmly rejected by the Government, it is understood, despite widespread support for it among MPs. In advancing the plan earlier this month, Sir Adam Thomson, chairman of British Caledonian argued that it would actually help with the sale of BA by reducing its £100m debt, and would also restore a better balance to Britain's aviation industry, which is at present dominated by BA with 83 per cent of the routes. Sir Adam gave a warning that a private BA with its debt largely written off at the taxpayer's expense would be an even more serious threat to the independent airlines, and British Caledonian might be forced to abandon Gatwick and transfer its operation to Heathrow to compete. But the Government is not prepared to carve up BA in this way, it appears; partly no doubt because of Lord King's close relationship with the Prime Minister, partly perhaps because of his veiled threat that BA's 35,000 staff, who have endured massive redundancy to get the airline viable in its present form, might take industrial action against any attempt to break it up. Ministers say the Government has no powers to order BA to hand over routes to British Caledonian, but behind this is a reluctance to take those powers with new legislation, and thus further complicate an already difficult path to privatization. It is not yet clear whether BA will be floated off before or after British Telecom. Both look like being ready about the same time towards the end of next year, and the Government's main preoccupation will be to keep them far enough apart not to swamp the financial market with calls for £4,000m (51 per cent of British Telecom) and £800m (100 per cent of BA). It has not even been decided whether the Government will go for a 51 per cent floatation of BA or 100 per cent as Lord King wants - apparently it will be decided largely by the Chancellor in terms of how much he wants to bring in. But one thing that is clear is that - as disclosed in The Times earlier this month - the Government and BA are confident that the airline can be floated off, despite its huge debt, without recourse to new financial legislation.

Tomorrow

In sickness... As more people opt for private medical schemes, Wednesday Page asks how good the coverage is and reports on the case of a baby whose uninsured "extras" are costing £1,000 a week. In health... At 81, Elaine Blond, last surviving child of the founder of Marks & Spencer, is as active as ever in her lifelong devotion to good causes - and keeping up standards at M&S. For richer... Phillip Whitehead attacks the people who pay lip-service to comprehensive education and send their own children to private schools. For poorer... Sir Colin Buchanan, one of the authors of the controversial "Traffic in Towns" reports 20 years ago, reflects on how motorists have confounded the planners. David Mlinaric (above) is an interior designer of whom it has been said "he flays a room down to the bones". Spectrum finds out why.

\$6m award for drug victim's son

Damages of \$6m (£4m) were awarded by a US federal jury to a man who said his mother had died because she took Orlacel, the arthritis drug banned in Britain a year ago. The claimant, Mr Clarence Borom, had filed a \$100m suit in Columbus, Georgia, against the drug's makers, Eli Lilly of Indianapolis. Almost 100 deaths were reported in Britain among people who had used it.



Queen hailed

A thousand white clad officer cadets at India's equivalent of Sandhurst, Dartmouth and Cranwell all rolled into one hailed the Queen as "Maharani Elizabeth".

'Mirror' plea

Unions at the Daily Record and Sunday Mail are urging Reed International to sell off the Scottish newspapers separately from the rest of the Daily Mirror group.

Food for four

Four of Britain's new-born sextuplets have had their first oral feed, powdered milk. All six are continuing to improve. One baby is still on a ventilator.

Grenada switch

Security control in the Grenada capital of St George's has been handed over by the US Army to troops of the Caribbean invasion force.

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A charter for all busy parents

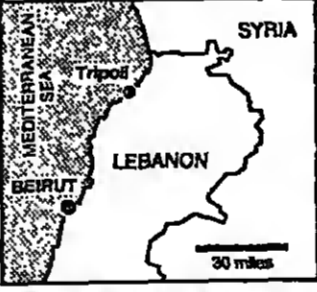
From Ian Murray, Brussels

Both the father and mother of a two-year-old baby would be entitled to three months' leave from work at any time up to the child's second birthday under the terms of a new proposal from the European Commission. The idea, which is likely to be considered for approval by member states in the new year, would mean that working parents could have a greater period to help them get their new baby established once the mother's maternity leave was over. If agreed, it would give fathers the automatic right to this type of leave for the first time. The proposal, however, would specifically ban the parents taking such leave concurrently. The aim is to spread the benefits over the maximum period of time and therefore leave would have to be taken at different times by each parent. Because of the difficult economic climate the Commission has not made any recommendations about pay.

Tripoli citizens flee ravage by PLO

From Robert Fisk, Tripoli, Lebanon

With Yasser Arafat's Palestinian enemies in the very streets of Tripoli and their shellfire now spanning the city, the leader of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) grudgingly accepted a short de facto ceasefire last night, as his remaining guerrillas slept in alleys and the doorways of apartment blocks in preparation for what could turn out to be the last battle. All day, streams of people had fled the city in an assortment of taxis and old family cars, camping on the roadsides or breaking their way into abandoned shops in the coastal villages to the south to set up miserable temporary homes. By last night up to 65 per cent of the civilian population - as many as 300,000 people - were believed to have fled from Tripoli over the past six days to avoid the Palestinian civil war that is now engulfing their homes. Only the gunmen and the poor of the city could be seen on the streets last night beside the piles of smouldering garbage that crowd every pavement. From Mr Arafat's headquarters in the darkened suburb of Zahrieh there came only the intermittent but sharp sound of heavy machine-gun fire. The Palestinian rebels and the Syrians besieging the Arafat loyalists called a temporary truce at midnight although Mr Arafat at first disclaimed all knowledge of a ceasefire. His men, he said, were merely taking their time to sleep. "No, no, no - this is what they call a rest of the fighters, nothing more," he told Western correspondents during the morning. Mr Arafat those who compare the bombardment of the past three days with that of Beirut in the summer of 1982, a disturbing parallel for the PLO chairman to make: last year, there was considerable Muslim support for his guerrillas within west Beirut but there is none now among the civilians of Tripoli. In the dark rhetoric that is peculiarly unsuitable to Tripoli, Mr Arafat spoke yesterday of how he could not fight without the approval of the people of Tripoli. "When I say I am a sword in their hands it means to fight until martyrdom," he said.



That this was nonsense in the people of Tripoli was evidenced by the pathetic trail of cars that wound out of the city. That their resentment will one day be turned upon the civilians who still live in the two Palestinian camps to the north - Baddawi and Nahr el-Bared - is already creating concern among the Palestinians, both men and women, who remain. Mr Abdul Ghannem Khalil, the Tripoli area officer for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees, was made sharply aware of this when he went to visit the Palestinian civilians still covering in the underground shelters at Baddawi. "They worry that the Lebanese will blame them for what happened to this country," he explained yesterday. They fear that the Lebanese will feel badly about them in the future for what has happened here." Freed pilot deal, page 5

Benefactor may pay NGA fine

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

The National Graphical Association looks set to decide today to disobey a court instruction to pay a £50,000 fine for sanctioning unlawful secondary picketing. The decision would put the union on course for a serious confrontation with the Government's employment legislation. The union's 40-member national council will decide today whether to pay the fine imposed last week in the High Court in Manchester for the secondary action against the Messenger Newspaper Group based in Stockport where the union has been involved in a dispute for the last five months. NGA officials are confident that today's meeting of the national council would refuse to pay the fine but TUC sources believe that an "anonymous benefactor" may come forward and pay the fine rather than see a damaging dispute involving the union, the government and the law. Senior NGA officials yesterday went before the TUC's Employment Policy and Organization Committee to explain reasons for the breakdown earlier yesterday of talks at the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service. The committee backed the union in its fight to get six dismissed workers at Stockport reinstated but it was claimed that there was no discussion of whether the fine should be paid. The TUC General Council will meet tomorrow to hear a report of the NGA council meeting and will then take a view on whether to instruct the union to obey the law. The meeting will be followed on Thursday by a gathering of all the union's shop stewards in Fleet Street and Manchester offices of national newspapers who will decide whether to widen the dispute. A statement after yesterday's meeting said the committee had examined the support for the NGA's policy of seeking a closed shop at Stockport and also its demand that the dismissed workers should be reinstated.

Miners seek ban on foreign coal

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

The National Union of Mineworkers has sent an urgent plea to transport unions for help to make its overtime ban more effective. Amid signs yesterday that management was coping better with the industrial action, a letter has gone out from Mr Lawrence Daly, general secretary of the pitmen's union, seeking a block on imports of "cheap" foreign coal. "Meanwhile Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the NUM, will lead a deputation to talks today with Mr Ian MacGregor, chairman of the National Coal Board. The meeting was described as "routine" by the coal board, but the dispute is almost certain to be discussed. The NUM's call for help from other unions has already brought support from the National Union of Seamen, which has requested its members to notify pitmen's leaders whenever ships containing foreign coal are spotted. Both the Transport and General Workers' Union, with a large membership among dockers and lorry drivers, and the National Union of Railwaymen, are to debate the plea for help within the next week or so. Mr Daly's letter to the other unions expresses special concern about coal from South Africa. Mr Daly says the Government is planning to buy more of it, to mitigate the effects of the overtime ban. The letter states: "Not only is the importation of foreign coal designed to break the power of trade unionism in the United Kingdom, but is further exploiting the black miners of South Africa whose conditions and safety are among the worst in the world." "According to the coal board yesterday the miners' action, which is seeking to improve a "final" 5.2 per cent pay offer, is having less effect than last week. Yesterday the action resulted in several hundred miners deciding not to work or being sent home by management. Last week, according to the coal board, the figure was 3,000. The overtime ban has led to an internal union row in the Durham area, with miners claiming to have been particularly badly hit because of a strict interpretation of the industrial action by safety workers. Around 500 men at Westloe Colliery lost a day's pay. There were major delays in starting at most pits in South Yorkshire and virtually all in South Wales.

Ford men reject new pay offer

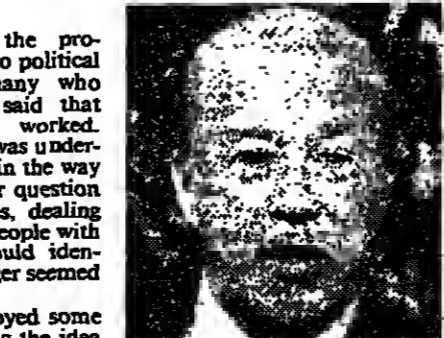
Leaders of 44,500 Ford workers yesterday rejected a new 6.4 per cent pay rise, which is more than twice the Government's unofficial wage norm.

Mr Ronald Todd, chief negotiator for the company's hourly-paid workers, is seeking to match the 7.75 per cent settlement won by Vauxhall employees. The Transport and General Workers' Union is arguing that the company can afford a higher offer because of increased profitability. Management replies that the return on capital is low and that its German workers have accepted smaller settlements despite a better productivity record.

Americans overwhelmed by TV nuclear holocaust

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

Americans are shocked, upset and thoughtful after watching the extraordinary television account of the nuclear holocaust in a Mid-Western city. The film has triggered a fierce political debate at a time when American awareness and anxiety about nuclear issues has been increased by deployment of US cruise missiles in Britain. More than 75 million people, watched The Day After, a widely-publicized depiction of Lawrence, Kansas. The film, which has been praised and denounced, shows how thousands of people are vaporized, maimed and stricken by radiation sickness after war breaks out in Europe. The Americans fire their Minuteman missiles and the Russians retaliate. The theme is entirely bleak. Survival is shown as being worse than death as survivors root in the rubble and their bodies slowly break down.



Mr Shultz: "Not the future at all"

The Day After has become the country's main talking point and a hot political issue. It is a focus for critics of President Reagan's military and nuclear policies. To counter its effects, the Administration has launched a campaign to show that the Russians are blocking the President's arms control efforts and has published a book

showing how the Government is trying to reduce nuclear weapons. After the two-and-a-half-hour programme, Mr George Shultz, Secretary of State, went on television to give the Administration's response. He said it was "not the future at all" and that people should support the President's call for reducing nuclear stockpiles. The very appearance of the Secretary of State on television showed how seriously the White House regards the programme. The programme was unprecedented in a variety of ways. American television has long had a reputation for avoiding serious and upsetting subjects. That a company such as ABC should go ahead with such a controversial programme is itself remarkable. While most people watched it at home, thousands saw it in groups in churches and libraries. Psychologists urged parents not to let their children watch it. A telephone "hot line"

Advertisement for Chanel Gentleman's Spray Cologne. The ad features a large image of the product bottle and the text: 'GENTLEMAN'S SPRAY COLOGNE. CHANEL. Un coup de cologne. CHANEL FOR GENTLEMEN'. The background is dark and textured.

Officers win safety plea

Prisons to be built with Victorian landings for increased security

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The Victorians were right about prison security after all. But it has taken a riot, prison officers being held hostage and industrial action to help to change official opinion.

Where the new jails are

The four new jails, at Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire; Bicester, Oxfordshire; March, Cambridgeshire; and Lancaster, providing 1,812 places, will cost an estimated £75m.

Balloonists celebrate a bicentenary



Lift-off: In Paris 200 years ago yesterday the Montgolfier brothers' balloon made the first manned flight (engraving below). At Trentham Gardens near Stoke-on-Trent the bicentenary was celebrated by balloonists in period costume. (Photographs: Brian Harris).

House prices remain stable, survey of estate agents shows

House prices remained stable during the quarter that ended in October despite brighter economic prospects which might have pushed them up, according to a survey published today by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

Saab turbo cars recalled over gear box flaw

Saab, the Swedish car manufacturer, is recalling 4,369 turbo models sold in Britain before 1981 for urgent modifications after the discovery that gear boxes have cracked after losing all their oil.

Ex-headmaster may launch advice service

Dr Lyn Blackshaw, the former headmaster of Dartington Hall, is considering setting up a counselling service for people with relationship problems.

Farmer fined over fatal straw fire

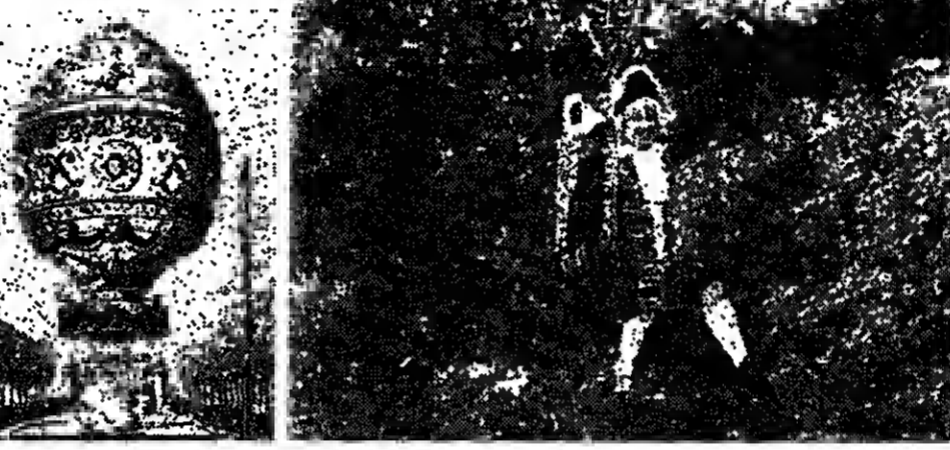
A Yorkshire farmer was fined £2,500 yesterday after an incident in August when a straw fire got out of hand and two people died in a nine-vehicle crash as dense smoke drifted across the A19.

New rules likely to halt abuse of CB radio

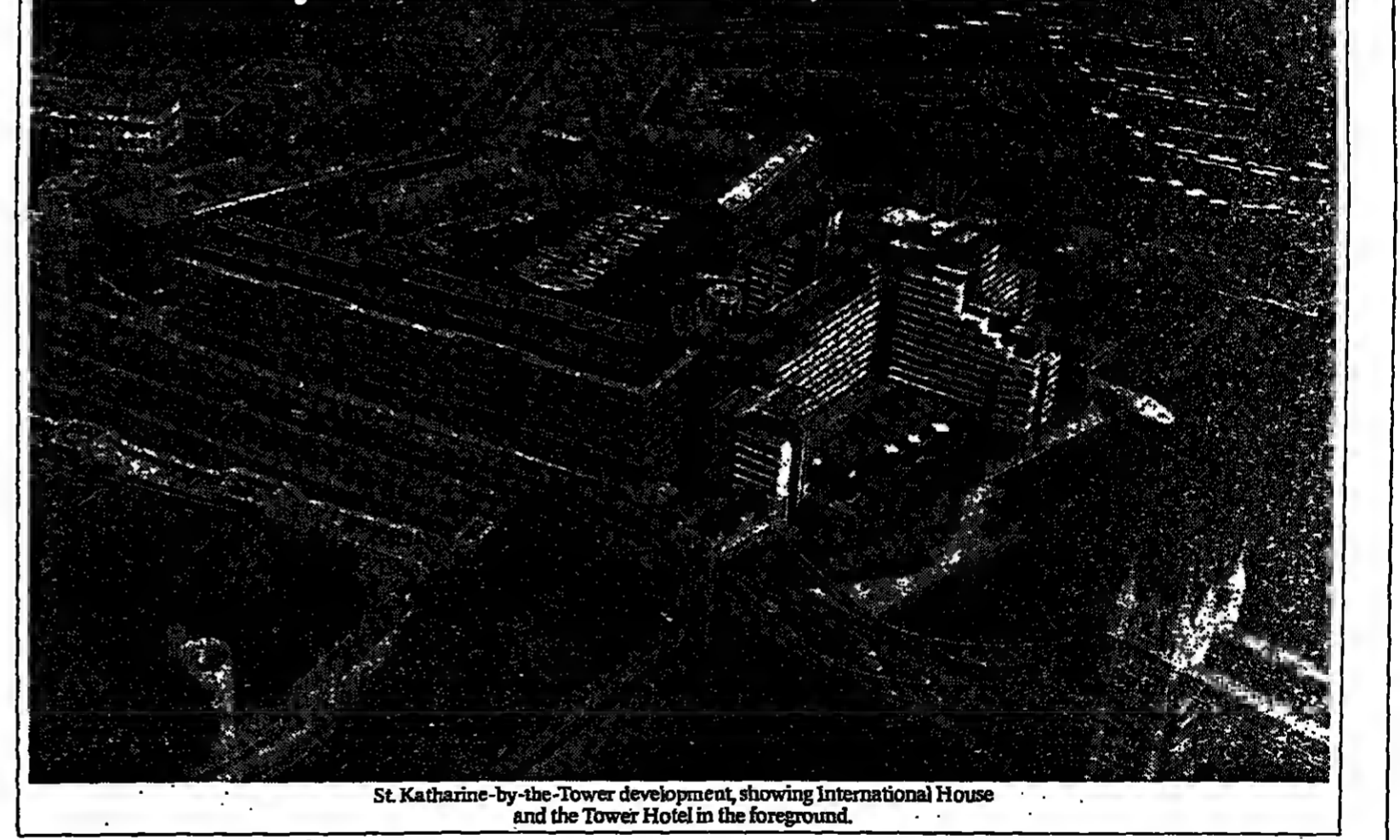
Changes in the terms of the citizens' band radio licence are likely early in the new year after representations by the main users' body, the British Citizens' Band Council. The changes are likely to reflect the council's case that citizens' band radio is a serious communication tool and not just a toy.

Computers help the disabled

Handicapped children yesterday showed Princess Anne how microcomputers have helped them to learn how to develop their minds, talk, read and make pictures. At a presentation of equipment and software in Bristol, organized by the Microelectronics Education Programme, the blind, deaf and disabled demonstrated computer toys and computer-controlled braille printers.



St Katharine-by-the-Tower development, showing International House and the Tower Hotel in the foreground.



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When it came to St. Katharine-by-the-Tower, the Taymech team didn't lose their heads.

In recent years, Taymech Ltd. has been involved in some 20 million pounds-worth of engineering and environmental services for this historic redevelopment. What could have been a massive organisational headache, turned out to be a typical, smoothly-run Taymech operation.

Form with fields for Name, Business, Address, and Position held. Includes contact information for Phil Gander, Taymech Ltd.

First taste of milk for sextuplets

Four of the sextuplets born in Liverpool have had their first taste of milk, as all of them continue to improve in hospital.

Accuse electronic

Mr Rex Makin's denial came as the Daily Star published an exclusive photograph of Mr and Mrs Walton.

Feeling action at Greenham

State help for the family will include £6.50 per week per child in child benefit plus a one-off maternity grant of £150.



In harmony: Sir Charles Mackerras with Dr Arthur Fleischmann's bust of him. Sir Charles is to conduct the English Chamber Orchestra for the Royal Concert in the presence of the Duchess of Gloucester at the Festival Hall, London, tonight. (Photograph: Harry Kerr)

Rail-users try new Leyland line

British Rail is testing customer reaction to a new cut-price carriage which is essentially a Leyland bus mounted on railway bogies. The coach, which cost £79,000 to build, compared with £170,000 for a double-glazed, air-conditioned Inter-City carriage, is being evaluated for possible use on shorter cross-country routes, where costs are critical.

British Rail denies that the vehicle heralds the re-introduction of third-class travel, but passengers who find the coach marshallled into the regular train service between Euston and Shrewsbury are being asked in a questionnaire whether they would be prepared to pay less to ride in such economical style.

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Greeks ask for Elgin marbles

COMMONS

The British Government is carefully considering a formal request from the Greek Government...

Mr Waldegrave: The British Government will give the request of the Greek Government serious consideration...

Mr Andrew Fialds (Walsley, East, Lab): In taking the matter seriously, he agrees that it may be time to accept that there is an argument in countries in the Third World...

Bill does not make divorce easier

HOUSE OF LORDS

The Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill, which had been widely misunderstood and distorted...

Lord Hailsham: I am sure that the Bill is not intended to make divorce easier...

Lord Elwyn-Jones, for the Opposition, said there was no actual evidence that more easily obtainable divorce had led to more marital breakdowns...

Inquiry into radioactive leak

ENVIRONMENT

Department of Environment inspectors were making a formal investigation to discover how contamination of a beach near Sellafield had occurred...

Mr Cunningham (Croyland): If he is not satisfied with the BNF explanation of the circumstances of this most recent incident...

Mr Waldegrave: I did read the letter. Matters to do with allegations made on any occasion about some link between cancer and Windscale is now subject to the inquiry...

Minister in talks with NCB chief

WALES

Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, will be meeting Mr Ian MacGregor, chairman of the National Coal Board...

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Restrictive Trade Practices (Stock Exchange) Bill, second reading. Lords (2.30): Agricultural Holdings Bill, committee, first day.

Price: Atmosphere as destructive as gunfire

Mr Michael Fallon (Dartington, C): Will the Government be taking any steps to reduce the price of petrol...

Government entitled to get Bill through

TELECOM BILL

The Government had a responsibility to ensure that reasonable progress was made in securing legislation to be committed...

Mr Peter Shore, chief Opposition spokesman on industry, said they were dealing with the future of not only a major and indispensable public service...

Mr Peter Shore: I am sure that the Government will be able to get the Bill through...

Prior asks people not to take law into their own hands

ULSTER

However angry or desperate the people of Northern Ireland might feel after Sunday night's murders, they must not take the law into their own hands...

Mr Prior: I agree very much with all he has said. I do urge people in what is a horrific situation for them to consider the security forces...

Mr Prior: The police did have some information which led them to believe that there might be an attack somewhere in the Province on a policeman or policemen at work...

Correction

In a report on nominations for Commons select committees on November 18, it was incorrectly stated that the Conservatives had been given 92 places...

Football

A warning that the full force of the law will be brought against soccer fans who misbehave if the 1990 World Cup is played in Britain...

Whitehall brief

Insulating against the mole: By Peter Hennessy station has volunteered to be "guinea pigs" to encourage the others...

Capital Gains

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Divorce in Britain: 2

The tears and anger behind attempts to reform the law

The present Bill before Parliament could have wide-ranging financial implications for divorced couples...

Kate: Homeless for three years

Kate had been married five years when her husband left her while she was expecting her third child...

Clare: Happiness in adversity

Clare, aged 25, separated from her husband just over three years of marriage. They had moved to Lincoln from Devon...

Peter: Resentment over money

Peter was divorced in 1976 after 23 years of marriage. As a medical researcher he was earning about £11,000 a year...

David: Lost job after break-up

David was married in 1971, at the age of 35, to a woman four years younger who already had five children...

Law will pounce on fans who misbehave

The 1969 legislation imposed a draconian bar against proceedings for divorce within three years of marriage...

Haitham: It is a Law Commission Bill

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Israel's secret to free

Israel's secret to free: A report on the Israeli military's use of a new type of tear gas...

Wo-nation trip by Kissinger

Wo-nation trip by Kissinger: A report on Henry Kissinger's visit to North Vietnam...

Capital Gains

Capital Gains: A report on the new tax rules for capital gains...

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Israelis draw a veil of secrecy over deal to free shot-down pilot

The Israeli Government yesterday maintained a well orchestrated silence about details of the intriguing deal with the Lebanese administration of President Amin Gemayel which enabled it to secure the safe return of one of its pilots less than 12 hours after he was shot down while on a bombing mission near Beirut.

The pilot arrived home in Israel on Sunday night after being whisked by Israeli military helicopter from an unspecified location in the southern outskirts of Beirut, where he was in the custody of the Lebanese Army. There were no indications that Israel had agreed to any terms to secure his release or had used threats.

Diplomatic sources claimed that the official ban on publication of all but the barest details of the pilot's return had been an integral part of the deal and were designed to minimize the Lebanese Government's embarrassment in the Arab world for agreeing to allow the rescue to take place.

It is believed that the Israelis relied heavily on the network of contacts they have built up among the Lebanese Falangists to set up the delicate communications necessary to effect the handover. All parties were aware that it was certain to incur the wrath of the Syrians.

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

whose missile shot down the aircraft.

The air of mystery was only increased yesterday when Mr Moshe Arens, the Israeli Defence Minister, issued a terse statement of thanks to "all those who had helped to 'extricate and send back' the pilot. No identities were mentioned in the message, which was apparently directed in part to senior figures in the Lebanese Government and Army.

A Defence Ministry spokesman said that Mr Arens had followed the course of events closely from the moment he heard that the pilot had bailed out from his stricken, Israeli-built Kfir jet. But the spokesman flatly refused to provide even a hint to whom the minister was expressing gratitude or any details about how the daring operation was mounted.

Unofficial sources here said that only one Israeli helicopter was involved in the hazardous pick up and that members of the multinational peace-keeping force in Lebanon were also involved in the secret negotiations leading to the release of the pilot.

Although there was widespread admiration among Israelis for the swiftness of the operation and the bravery of those involved, no attempt was made by the Government to

recoup kudos lost by the downing of the jet by staging a press conference for the pilot.

At the political level, Government sources let it be known that the series of three Israeli air strikes in the past 11 days were intended to demonstrate to a number of parties - primarily the Syrians - that Israel was not losing its determination to protect its interests in Lebanon.

● **Assad's health:** Israeli officials and Egyptian diplomats say they have received reports from their intelligence services that President Assad of Syria may have suffered a heart attack, and not appendicitis as announced last week (NYT reports).

● **AMMAN:** King Hussein of Jordan has raised the thorny question of Jordan's ties with the Israeli-occupied West Bank by announcing that Parliament will soon be reconvened (AFP reports).

The Chamber of Deputies, elected in 1967, was dissolved by the King in November, 1974, because of an Arab summit resolution naming the Palestine Liberation Organization the "sole representative of the Palestinian people". At that time half the 30 seats in Jordan's Senate and 60 seats in the Chamber of Deputies were filled by Palestinians representing the West Bank.



Cruel sea: Wreckage of a Panamanian-registered ship wallowing in high seas off Oregon after it smashed into a jetty while seeking shelter. A US Coast Guard helicopter rescued the 19 crew in rain, darkness and 50mph winds.

Ethiopians accuse Sudan of provocation

Addis Ababa (AFP) - Ethiopia yesterday described as "a deplorable act of provocation" the accusations by the Khartoum Government that Ethiopia was massing troops near Sudan's border.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said Sudan was using Ethiopia as a scapegoat for its "self-inflicted calamities".

The world already knew that the Sudanese leadership continued to face "mounting economic bankruptcy, political turmoil and multifarious social problems". It was therefore using Ethiopia as a means of diversion and as a bargaining point in the "current shopping spree by the Sudanese leadership".

This appeared to be a reference to the current tour by President Gaafar Nimeiry of Sudan to several Western European countries and the United States.

The Ethiopian reaction to the accusations, which the Sudan news agency earlier reported it had learned from high-level military sources, was the second within a day.

● **KHARTOUM:** Sudan's border with Ethiopia was tense but quiet, official sources here said (Reuters report). There were no reports of border clashes.

Sudan said on Sunday night that 1,000 Ethiopian troops, supported by 150 Cuban soldiers and some Soviet advisers, were poised to attack the Sudanese border town of Kurmuk, about 900 miles south-east of Khartoum.

● **PARIS:** Lieutenant-Colonel Goshu Wolde, the Ethiopian Foreign Minister, in Paris at the head of an Organization of African Unity mission seeking an end to the Chadian civil war, denied the Sudan charges (AFP reports).

The Sudanese allegations were "false, absolutely without any foundation", he said.

● **WASHINGTON:** President Nimeiry met President Reagan to discuss Middle East developments. Sudan's tense relations with Libya and Ethiopia, and economic development questions (Moshin Ali writes).

The Sudanese leader is regarded highly by the Reagan Administration. A senior American official told reporters that his visit represented "a high point" in relations between the two countries.

● **LONDON:** Mr Daniel Acott, Governor of the Upper Nile region of Sudan, yesterday called on guerrillas in southern Sudan to stop fighting and "join hands for the reconstruction of our country and region" (Rodney Cowton writes).

Mr Acott, who was speaking in London, said that the region was in control of its own affairs and he could not see any reason for people to resort to arms.

Imelda Marcos drops out of race

Manila (Reuters) - Mrs Imelda Marcos, politically powerful wife of the Philippines' President, declared herself out of the running for the presidency or any other high government office.

In a letter she read to the National Assembly, she dismissed as "gossip and idle talk" reports suggesting she had presidential ambitions. She intended to resign from the Executive Committee which will rule the country if Mr Marcos leaves office before his term ends in 1987.

Passers-by shot

Lyons (AFP) - Five people were shot dead and three seriously injured by a man who opened up on a group of passers-by from the top floor of a hotel here before giving himself up to police. All the victims were believed to be North African workers.

Liberia arrests

Monrovia (AFP) - Liberia's head of state, Mr Samuel Doe, said in a radio broadcast that a number of officials in the governing ruling council had been arrested for allegedly attempting to overthrow him. They included Colonel Kolonseh Gonyor, Mr Moses Duopu, Colonel John Nuah and Mr Harry Yuon, managing director of the Liberia Electricity Company.

Hook-up

Geneva - Using four new satellites linked to earth stations, the international Telecommunications Union and the 24-nation OECD are planning to put a telephone within reasonable reach - not more than an hour's walk - of the millions in isolated Third World areas.

Gum trouble

Singapore (Reuters) - Singapore, which already ostracizes men with long hair, says it is ready to ban chewing gum. It costs \$50,000 annually to remove it from floors and walls, said Mr Suppiah Dhanabalan, Culture Minister. For a start, radio and television advertisements for it are now banned.

Wing and a...

Phoenix, (AP) - Mrs Edith Merrill, aged 72, with no flight training, landed a single-engine aircraft safely here after the pilot died. Sitting in the co-pilot's seat, she took over the controls and followed instructions from the pilot's wife in the back seat. "I did an awful lot of praying", she said.

Two-nation trip by Kissinger

Washington (Reuters) - The US bipartisan commission on Central America, headed by Dr Henry Kissinger, the former Secretary of State, will make a fact-finding visit to Mexico and Venezuela next month, the commission announced yesterday.

The two countries are members of the Contadora Group, which also includes Panama and Colombia and is seeking peace in Central America.

The Kissinger commission visited Panama last month during a Central American tour and some of its members had talks earlier with President Betanior Belandier of Colombia in New York.

The commission, established by President Reagan to make recommendations on how Washington should deal with Central America, is scheduled to depart for Mexico on December 14 and return to Washington the next day.

Iraq claims sinking of 7 Iranian ships

Baghdad (Reuters) - Iraq said its forces yesterday destroyed seven "enemy" ships sailing from Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal and shot down an Iranian fighter.

Iraq and Iran have been at war since September 1980.

A military spokesman, quoted by Baghdad radio, did not identify what type of vessels were involved. He said only that they had been sailing from Kharg Island to the port of Bandar Khomeini.

The spokesman said that with "great coordination between our navy and air force" seven vessels had been destroyed.

Pen may be mightier than the yen

From Richard Hanson, Tokyo

Mr Kakuei Tanaka, the powerful former prime minister convicted last month of accepting bribes in Japan's Lockheed scandal case, looks like a sure winner in his constituency in the Lower House elections expected to be held next month.

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Polish economy ministers face axe

From Charles Gans, Warsaw

General Jaruzelski, the Polish communist leader, is expected to announce a drastic government reshuffle today at the close of a two-day Sejm (Parliament) session.

There are likely to be switches among ministers responsible for the economy as Poland faces critical rises of food prices of 10 to 15 per cent from January 1.

A statement issued at the weekend by Mr Lecz Walesa and leaders of the banned Solidarity union after a secret meeting said the increases would only lower the living standard of ordinary Poles and would not solve the country's economic problems.

"Working people cannot agree to food-price increases," the statement read. "It is the union's obligation to organize struggles in defence of people's interests."

The authorities themselves are critical of economic policy. A report on the economy said that efforts to implement the 1983 economic plan and reform measures were unsatisfactory. The report noted that Western economic sanctions notwithstanding, "supplies of food and consumer goods were below expectations, wages and prices were rising at twice the planned rate, and measures to save energy and raw materials have had little effect."

The scapegoat for the disappointing results is expected to be Mr Janusz Obodowski, the Deputy Prime Minister, who is the economic Tsar, heads the planning commission and was the main architect of the economic reforms. According to parliamentary sources, Mr Obodowski is to be named Ambassador to Comecon, the Communist economic community with headquarters in Moscow.

General Jaruzelski is expected to step down as Defence Minister but maintained his power-base in the armed forces as chairman of the National Defence Committee, which was given expanded powers to supervise the Defence Ministry and recommended the introduction of martial law if unrest flares up again.

Western observers interpret the measures as strengthening the military's already considerable influence on social and economic policy.

Smuggled computer 'abandoned'

Stockholm (Reuters) - Four containers, kept under close guard at Helsingborg port after reports that they held smuggled American computer equipment bound for the Soviet Union, may have been abandoned, the Swedish Foreign Ministry said yesterday.

The US Customs says the containers hold components for a highly advanced computer capable of guiding missile systems and claims that they are on their way to the Soviet Union. The supply of such high technology equipment to the Soviet Union is forbidden under US export control laws.

A spokesman at the Swedish Foreign Ministry said the containers would not be allowed to leave the country until they had been given customs clearance. No one had come forward to request that they be shipped onward, the spokesman said. "It is possible that they have been abandoned."

Mr Gösta Ekdahl, the senior customs official in Helsingborg, said the four containers arrived there on November 11.

Both Mr Ekdahl and the Foreign Ministry spokesman said it was unusual that they had still not been claimed after 10 days. The Foreign Ministry, the spokesman said, had no knowledge that the containers, marked as "electronic equipment" were headed for the Soviet Union as believed by US Customs and reported by *The Sunday Times* in London.

The official receiver of the goods was a company in Western Europe, the spokesman revealed.

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Khashoggi inquiry ordered

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

The Bern Public Health Department has ordered an inquiry into allegations that personnel from the city's Tiefenan Hospital, a university medical establishment, are taking turns at providing a three-member team for the yacht of the Saudi Arabian millionaire businessman, Mr Adnan Khashoggi.

The team is said to consist of a junior doctor, nurse and medical assistant, who do a three-month spell on the 330 ft Nabila, which has an operating theatre and intensive-care unit. Personnel from the hospital allegedly gave advice on the facilities while the vessel was being fitted out four years ago.

The Nabila, a familiar sight at Mediterranean holiday ports such as Marbella, carries a helicopter.

The association between the yacht and the hospital has been the subject of comment in Bern newspapers - particularly as the hospital needs extensive renovations. The inquiry will be conducted by a firm of auditors.

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Spanish Communists at sixes and sevens

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

who follow Sebr Carrillo's "transition" line, probably more out of loyalty to the man who led them through out of conviction, and the pro-Russians, who feel that Señor Carrillo himself opened the Pandora's Box of ideological decay with his Euro-communist ideas and his admitted rejection of such Leninist doctrines as the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Unity will undoubtedly be the first objective of the congress, but the prospects of achieving the look slim. Evidence of the lack of unity are the breakaway movement of Basque communists which resulted last year from pressure by Señor Carrillo for a unified nationwide party strategy; the drift of prominent Euro-Communists to the Socialist Party, and other positions to the right of the PCE before and after the 1982 elections, and the establishment only this month by some old-timers of a new Marxist-Leninist Communist Party.

The three factions are: the *renovators*, most of whom are associated with Señor Iglesias and his ideologically soft positions close to those of social democracy; the *Carrillistas*,

Missiles in Europe and in space

Pershing deployment does not shut the door Kohl insists

From Michael Binyon Bonn

Outside the Bundestag police turned their water cannons on thousands of demonstrators blocking the main road yesterday.

Inside Chancellor Helmut Kohl was telling members that West Germany would go ahead with the deployment of new American missiles because they were needed for German security and the protection of freedom.

He was opening a tensely awaited two-day debate, the last public discussion of the controversial Nato twin-track decision to negotiate with the Russians while going ahead with the deployment, before the Pershing-2 missiles arrive in American bases here.

Dr Kohl said deployment did not shut the door on negotiations. The West was ready to continue talks until a mutually acceptable compromise was found.

West Germany, however, stood firmly by its Nato commitments. This was essential for the survival of democratic Europe, the preservation of the Atlantic Alliance and the continuation of balanced relations with the Soviet Union.

He insisted the West had continually demonstrated its readiness for an arms agreement, and that Nato had deliberately limited its deployment in order to pose no threat



Herr Vogel: Devastating attack on Dr Kohl.

to the Soviet Union. But the Russians could not be allowed a monopoly of intermediate measures for its own security.

The Chancellor insisted he had done his best personally to force a compromise on Washington and Moscow during his first year of office. The ground for an agreement was not prepared. But the Russians were still insisting on their maximalist demands which they had to give up to achieve agreement.

Fiercely attacking his Social Democratic opponents, Dr Kohl said a minority had no right in a democracy to force its will on the majority. While he was speaking, some of the Greens held a demonstration in the chamber, holding up pictures of Vietnam and of the Warsaw ghetto before being

called to order and having their banners removed.

Dr Kohl summarized the Government's stance by saying: "History teaches that whoever is weak encourages hegemonic claims and provokes threats. He lays himself open to blackmail, takes chances with his freedom and thus eventually also with peace."

"Only the steadfastness of free peoples can make clear the limits in totalitarian states. We should never play freedom and peace against each other. Only a nation living in peace and freedom can actually contribute to the peace of the world."

His speech was followed by a devastating attack on his record as Chancellor by Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, the Social Democratic parliamentary leader. He accused him of doing nothing to get agreement at Geneva, of blindly following the Americans, of smearing the peace campaign in Germany and treating his opponents in the churches in the way that the East German leader treated the Christian opposition in East Germany.

Herr Vogel insisted that his party stood behind the Nato alliance and supported the Bundestag. But the Chancellor was forcing through approval of the Nato missiles against the will of the majority of the German population, ignoring differences of opinion, and this had led to a question-

ing of the Nato alliance itself.

The Social Democrats questioned the constitutional basis on which the deployment was approved, and if returned to office would do all they could to "correct" this step. The SPD did not agree with all the peace movement stood for but it would not tolerate Government smears on both movements.

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, leader of the Free Democrats, said it was an illusion on the one hand to vote against deployment while on the other to continue to support the Nato alliance.

But Herr Otto Schily, for the Greens, said deployment represented an act of subjugation to the increasingly aggressive military strategy of the United States Administration. He asked what value the Nato alliance was for the Federal Republic if it was ready to "sacrifice the existence of our nation which it claims to protect."

AMSTERDAM: Herr Schmidt, now Vice-Chairman of the SPD, said in an interview published yesterday that he would not stand for Parliament after the present session. The newspaper Algemeen Dagblad quoted Herr Schmidt, aged 64, as saying he was too old to stand for Parliament in a new Government session or for any leading position within the SPD. SPD dilemma, page 12



Beach haul: Private Stuart Bell and Private David Murray, of the King's Own Royal Border Regiment, come face to face with a bull elephant seal, near Grytviken, South Georgia, off the Falklands. The seal can grow to 18ft in length and weigh up to three tonnes. The soldiers, both from Carlisle, are there on a two-month tour of duty.

Maharani Elizabeth hailed in Pune

From Michael Hearn Pune

Queen Elizabeth, Maharani Singh (left), Maharani Singh (right), Maharani Singh (right) in front of the Maharani Singh White-chick officers cadets and yelled: "Maharani Elizabeth!"

"Jai", yelled the thousands. "K... he said, 'Jai', they said as one - 'K... 'Jai'." The highly-polished heels of the young men ground the tarmac of the parade ground in perfect unison as they marched past the Queen with that exaggerated 'heel-and-toe'.

The Queen attended, as she must at some stage of every tour, a military occasion. This was at Pune, the legendary headquarters of Indian Army regiments which used to be supplied Poona, though the nomenclature has not changed much. Pune is the home of the National Defence Academy, the Indian equivalent of Sandhurst, Dartmouth and Cranwell rolled into one.

Field-Marshal Lord Amman-Loock, the British Commander-in-Chief in India and the Supreme Commander in India and Pakistan after the transfer of power, came up with the idea for the Academy in 1945, though it was not finally in place until 10 years later. Prime Minister Nehru said at the first passing out parade that year that the Army was a symbol of the country's unity and homogeneity, and the Queen repeated his words at yesterday's ceremonial.

Wearing a red hat and a red white and blue dress and coat, she stood under a red and white canopy and said that the British knew better than most the quality of the Indian Services through their close connection with the British. "Our partnership not only benefits our two countries," she said, "it is important to the Commonwealth, and it is an example to the world."

The British connection was even more strongly recalled by the presence on the parade ground of three holders of the Victoria Cross.

Major Prakash Singh, a grey-bearded 67-year-old Sikh won his VC in Burma in 1942. Captain Bhandari Ram, also 67, won his also in Burma in 1944.

Senobar Nandedi Jadhav, 64, who won his VC in Italy in 1945, was the only one not wearing his award. He had joined the parade straight from hospital, and had not had time to go home for it.

Afrikaners found guilty of treason

From Michael Horvath Johannesburg

Two young white Afrikaners, Carl Niehaus and his fiancée, Miss Johanna Lourens, both aged 23, were convicted of high treason in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday. Among the charges against them was that they had furthered the aims of the underground African National Congress (ANC).

Mr Justice A. P. Myburgh is expected to pass sentence later this week after the submission of evidence in mitigation by defence counsel. The maximum penalty for treason is death by hanging.

At the time of their arrest on August 23 of this year, Mr Niehaus was studying industrial sociology and psychology, anthropology and politics at the University of the Witwatersrand, and his fiancée was teaching at a school in a Coloured (mixed race) area.

Among the charges admitted by Mr Niehaus at the start of the trial were that he had placed a "pamphlet bomb" outside an Army recruiting office in Johannesburg. The pamphlets urged whites to resist military service.

Cyprus rivals rally in divided city

Nicosia (Reuters) - The Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities staged mass demonstrations here yesterday over last week's declaration of independence by the Turkish Cypriots.

Government offices and businesses on the Greek side closed as the Government of the internationally-recognized Republic of Cyprus sanctioned a mass rally to protest against the Turkish Cypriot move.

People arrived from all over the Greek side of the island for a rally in Nicosia's main square, organized by the republic's political parties and trade unions.

Across the "Green Line" which divides the city, the Turkish Cypriots got their own rally under way earlier to show their support for the independence declaration. Nicosia-based reporters were denied access to the Turkish-Cypriot sector by the Government.

The Turkish language radio reported tens of thousands of demonstrators. From across the Green Line passionate Turkish-Cypriot speeches could be heard.

On the Greek side, the President of the House of Representatives, Mr George Ladas, was scheduled as the main speaker.

Cyprus has been divided since 1974 when mainland Turkish troops invaded.

ANKARA: Having weathered world criticism over the unilateral declaration of independence, Turkey and the Turkish-Cypriot leadership felt able yesterday to venture out into the international arena to counter the Greek propaganda offensive (Rasit Gurdilek writes).

Mr Haluk Bayulken, the Turkish Defence Minister, was dispatched to Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia. The trip, to be followed by others to the Gulf states, was seen as part of Ankara's efforts to persuade the Islamic countries to recognize the Turkish-Cypriot state.

Mr Ilter Turkmen, Turkey's Foreign Minister, is expected to explain Turkey's stand to President Reagan and to Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Secretary of Defence, in Washington after his talks with Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State.

Mr Turkmen has already conferred with Sir Geoffrey Howe in London.

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Opposition grows to Star Wars weapons

From Henry Stanhope Boston, Massachusetts

Opposition is growing among a number of leading American scientists to Washington's plans to put weapons in space. Concern has steadily increased since March when President Reagan in his so-called "Star Wars" speech pledged Administration backing for the development of a space-based anti-ballistic missile (ABM) system.

Professor George Rathgens, an influential political scientist from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, blames Reagan aides and interested parties for giving the President a one-sided and over-optimistic briefing before his speech. The multi-million dollar research programme is "a lot of hocus pocus" he says.

A group of up to 30 academics with close Pentagon links, like the brilliant physicist Richard Garwin and the Harvard biochemist Professor Paul Doty - who worked on the Manhattan A-bomb project during the war - are trying to orchestrate opposition to the scheme.

Moreover, Dr Rathgens claims that members of the Soviet Academy of Sciences with whom they are in touch, showed similar doubts about the parallel Russian programme, when they met recently. A vice-president of the academy said: "But we have our crazy men too."

The Star Wars scenario calls for the stationing in space of gunships which could destroy Russian ballistic missiles soon after they were launched, with immensely powerful laser beams or, ultimately, rays of sub-atomic particles.

But Dr Garwin and others recently advised the Senate foreign relations committee that there was no way in which such systems, requiring pinpoint accuracy over ranges of up to 20,000 miles, could guarantee protecting the United States against a determined Soviet barrage. Their main fear is that such gunships are more likely to be used against each other's satellites.

This would do more harm than good for the security of the US, which because of its worldwide maritime interests relies more upon communications satellites than does the Soviet Union and has to depend more upon reconnaissance satellites to monitor military developments inside the other superpower.

The Russians have already carried out a number of tests on a first generation ASAT space-

craft which could destroy a satellite by blowing it up.

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Commentary Geoffrey Smith Washington I travelled to New Hampshire with Senator John Glenn on Thursday to see his style of campaigning and to learn from him what a Glenn presidential bid would mean for Britain. This is a critical time for New Hampshire as an important swing state for him. He is the former Vice-President of the United States and not nearly so well known as he once was. He is expected to be in danger of losing the state. He has been a hard job even to run the state close. Senator Glenn does not have the kind of charisma that has made him a successful campaigner by any means. He has had to overcome the stigma of a severe stroke. He, as the candidate, has not won to the streets and squares of the town of Manchester, the candidate had begun to warm up. He had left, a naturally shy man was becoming positively confident. I suspect that it will all come out. All the evidence at this point indicates that Mr. Glenn has the better chance of winning. But the real question is whether he has the stamina to win. The kind of stamina that would enable him to become the Democratic nominee. His campaign style will never match the style of his republican opponent. He has reserves of strength which might be drawn out in the challenge of the contest. If he were to become the nominee, what would this mean for us? He draws his inspiration from Grenada, that needs to be more advanced and working. "I do not think any serious of the Western world can really play a Long game."

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FASHION

Taking THE TUBE

by Suzy Menkes

The hemline battle is over - not lost or won but drawn now where you please. Skirts are slimming down and they need dressing up. How you wear them is all.

Below: dogtooth skirt and box jacket by Peter Phillips £24, from Harvey Nichols. Fair Crenosaster, Meridian Fashion House, Agnesbrite hair. L Blouse from Harrods. Courts 249, Hobbs South Molton Street 371.

Skirt lengths are no longer a fashion issue. Skirt widths are. The shape of the season is the tube, either short and sharp or long and straight.

The short skirts come from Paris or Italy, the longer ones tend to be home-grown, although fashion is now international that where a style starts is less interesting than what happens to it from there.

Because skirt lengths vary, how to wear them becomes a fashion factor. Style today is out about rules and absolutes, but about proportions. As skirts get slimmer, so the wearer's top half gets wider, with all the high-fashion designers working from a pronounced shoulder line and a deep armhole. This kite-shape, that looks so good for dresses, works also with short, straight skirts, especially the black leather skirt which has been a big seller this season. The dolman-sleeved sweater or a big-sleeved jacket is the easiest way to wear the tight skirt, although those with a figure and the style put it instead with a neat, short belted jacket, a fitted hour glass jacket or a square-cut waist-length top.

The one garment that looks hopelessly out of style with the short skirt is a regular, blazer-length jacket with fitted sleeves. It appears occasionally with the much longer schoolbag skirts to herringbone tweed, although that is a look that has been seen more in fashion shows than on the streets.

The coat that works best with the slim skirts is three-quarter or seven-eighths length, with deep kimono sleeves to give the V-shaped silhouette. Most of the short skirts are in graphic checks or hard-edged combinations of black and white and the same theme comes through in coats and jackets, bold houndstooth checks being the favourites.

As the tube skirts get longer, the fabrics (but not the line) get softer. Jersey is the most popular material, with knitted ribbed tubes also in style. This is partly a matter of practicalities. The modern woman is not prepared to be constricted by a hobble skirt; jersey gives to the stride and springs back more or less into shape.

Other calf-length skirts are made with the conventional kick pleat, which looks rather aging unless the skirt is cut with style and dash - perhaps with an asymmetric waist-line or a wrap-back. Tube skirts come too with thigh-high slits, looking like a pastiche of sexist fashion if they are put with flesh-coloured or fishnet tights. They are more usually worn with dark, matt tights or even with another tube of thin jersey underneath.

Thick ankle-socks, flat boots and deliberately ugly shoes are more likely to be accepted as suitable accessories to the Japanese-inspired tube skirts in grey and black now on our streets. This look was also launched by Vivienne Westwood, whose tube of jersey that



you roll at the waist to suit your own length is one of the most copied skirts in the young departments.

Loose slim skirts are easiest to wear with the big tops, belted at the hips as the line begins to narrow. They also look good worn with layers, like a gilet over a short, square top or a long tunic under a shorter jacket. These plays on proportion are done for you at Joseph's Tricot shops, where every piece is designed to work together. They are harder to handle when you are standing in front of the bedroom mirror with an assorted collection of separates.

Between the two extremes of short, tight skirt with buttons straining at the seat, and the long sober tube of plain jersey, there are skirts to suit most body shapes and fashion images.

Fashion today is pluralist. And women who don't like any skirt can always wear the trousers.



Left: ribbed tweedy knit tube £21, sweater £24.50, grey or black, by French Connection from Harrods Younger Set. Boxer boots £34.99 Katrina, South Molton Street W1. Above: leather skirt £85, patent belt, both Farwick's. Jacket £32.99 Miss Selfridge, sweater I Blues Harvey Nichols. Tights Pretty Polly. Courts 223.50 Midas.



Above: brass-buttoned nautical front skirt £46, marled sweater £46, by Sherry from Farwick New Bond Street W1, Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge. Fingerless gloves £3.50 from Farwick's. Left: long pleated black and white skirt £58.50, sweater £47 both Unanyme, 12 Kensington Church Street W8. Fluorescent mitts £4.99 Miss Selfridge. Spun wool in hair Molton Brown Tights Charros. Pumps Midas. Right: flecked tweed gored skirt £14.50, cropped jacket £14.99, ribbed tunic top £9.99 all C and A selected branches. Siletto courts £56 Midas.



Above: cream flannel mini skirt £15.90, cream/black patterned square-cut sweater £32.50 both Benetton branches. Striped tights Couture. Fashion Chris Pinnell Hair Peter/Daniel Galvin Photographs NICK BRIGGS

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Light Box is the same that Clinique gives to its silver-mirrored matchbox sized kit (£8.50) of three eye colours designed to "lift" a daytime make-up into party style. Their consultant will also show customers how to light up the face using shading and up-light.

Four colours for the eyes and two for cheeks - plus the appropriate blusher - are ingeniously packed into Prescriptives' slim-line Compact Cosmetics (£12). Soft Alpine blue, rose quartz, a chic bronze and festive shimmering gold are the eye-lights in this streamlined party collection. A larger gift box can be filled with Prescriptives' Colour '84 cosmetics to personal choice.

The compact with the mostest must be Helena Rubinstein's Rhinox Colour Collection (£12.95), containing six eye-shadow colours, a Kohl pencil, mascara, two blushers and two lip glosses, all in a neat compact. It makes a useful travelling companion and a good way to experiment with colour.

Lip gloss, compressed powder, blusher and four eye colours make Yardley's Beauty Essentials make-up kit (£4.99) live up to its name. They also have an eye shadow only kit of 10 colours (also £4.99) which would make a good present for a fashion conscious girl.

Other attractive eye shadow boxes come from Rose Laird, with a good selection of shades at £9.50, and from Maxi, whose neat compacts are in selected shades for blue/grey or brown/green eyes (£4.50). A Christmas look of sparkling colours in violet, mauve, ochre and silvery pink are all in Germaine Mantell's palette (£8.95) complete with blusher and pastel lip gloss.

Many women are shy of playing with colour and do not understand that modern make-up - especially for the eyes - depends on subtle shading and blends of colour rather than on using one simple shade. The battery of equipment - from liners to contour brushes - used by professional make-up artists would also be a revelation to the ordinary consumer.

The most comprehensive make-up kit is Estee Lauder's Total Make-up Organizer, with six eye colours, two blushers and including lip and nail colours, all in a neat tray with the requisite applicators. It is sold for £12 with any Estee Lauder fragrance purchase.

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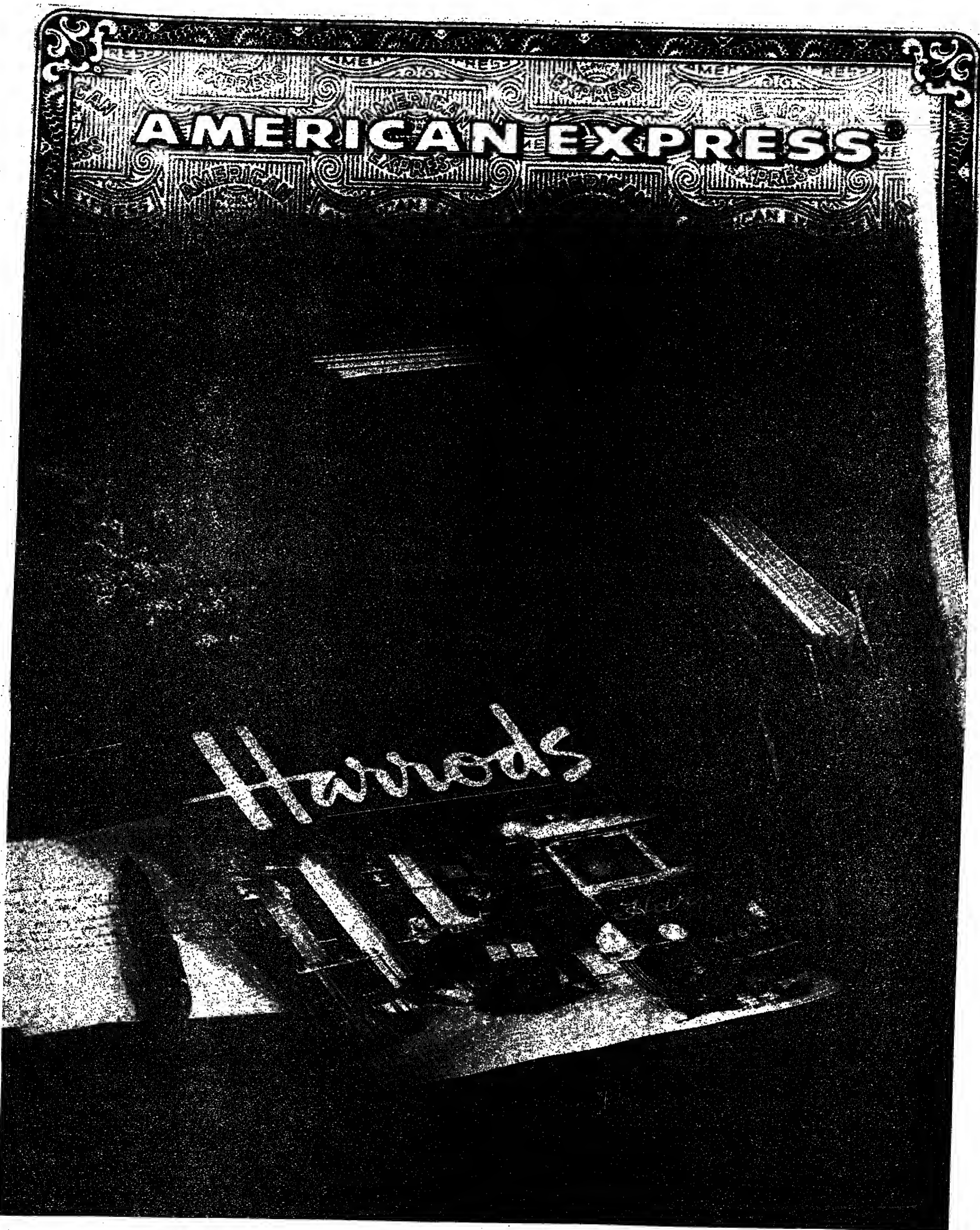
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SPECTRUM

Bullets to the left of them, bullets to the right of them... the priests of El Salvador and Nicaragua are under fire from ruling extremists. How will they withstand this double-barrelled threat to the pulpit?

Churches in the crossfire

By Philip Jacobson

Earlier this month in El Salvador the Maximiliano Hernandez Anti-communist Brigade issued one of its numbered communiqués identifying "more traitors to the fatherland".

Over the past three years the brigade has concentrated on eliminating leftist politicians and trade-union leaders, but this new communiqué, number five, threatened the lives of the Catholic archbishop of San Salvador, Mgr Rivera y Damas, and his deputy, Mgr Gregorio Rosa Chavez.

It goes without saying that a threat like this is taken extremely seriously by El Salvador's Catholic hierarchy. Mgr Rivera's predecessor was Archbishop Oscar Romero, an equally outspoken defender of human rights who ignored repeated warnings from the death squads and was finally killed by a sniper as he said mass in his own church.

Many other priests and religious workers have died violently, among them the four American nuns raped and killed near San Salvador three years ago.

The church's radio station and its newspaper have been bombed more than once. As the Salvadorean church confronts this latest attempt by right-wing extremists to coerce it into silence, the powerful Catholic hierarchy in neighbouring Nicaragua is on collision course with the left-wing government there.

To the unconcealed fury of the ruling Sandinistas, the church has spoken out forcefully for the right of conscientious objectors to refuse military service under the new law making most Nicaraguan men subject to conscription.

The archbishop of Managua, Mgr Obando y Bravo, has vigorously defended the right of his priests to advise congregations to ignore the law. In swift retaliation, Sandinistas mobs beat up a bishop outside a church in the capital and disrupted masses elsewhere.

Two foreign priests accused of "supporting the counter revolution" were hounded out of the country, while the government-controlled press launched a bitter personal attack on Mgr Obando as a member of the "subversive" order of Salesians. The archbishop responded with a homily comparing the Sandinistas' actions with the "persecution" of the earliest Christians.

The tension inside San Salvador's draught unfinished cathedral was very real when Archbishop Chavez rose to deliver the homily on the Sunday following the publication of the death threat against him. The stonework outside is pocked with bullet holes from a massacre of peaceful demonstrators which took place in March 1980 in broad daylight - and before the television cameras - on the steps of the

main entrance. It was there too that the funeral of the assassinated Archbishop Romero, attended by diplomats and high-ranking churchmen from around the world, was turned into a slaughterhouse when hidden gunmen fired into the huge crowd of mourners.

As Mgr Chavez approached the pulpit in his bright green robes and gold hat, there was spontaneous applause from an unusually large congregation. Loud clapping also greeted his reference in Archbishop Rivera's, due to return that day from a trip abroad.

The tired, worn faces and cheap clothes of the worshippers crowding into the entrances of the cathedral were those of the people who since 1979 have been killed in their tens of thousands in the urban slums and in the countryside by government security forces and the death squads (ordinary Salvadoreans rarely make any distinction between the two, since everyone knows that off-duty soldiers and policemen carry out death-squad murders).

While young children in arms cried and the traffic noises outside competed with his voice, Mgr Chavez exoriated "the totalitarianism of the right" and its systematic attempts to terrorize the Salvadorean church: "We cannot and we will not allow them to silence our voices."

Ever since Archbishop Romero's appointment, the church has been the principal, perhaps the only, real source of comfort for El Salvador's poor. The law certainly offers them no protection or satisfaction. If the men behind the killing of Romero and the American nuns are still free - despite clear evidence of their involvement - what hope of justice can there be for survivors of an army massacre in some remote village, or for the families of labourers and bus drivers taken from their homes in San Salvador at midnight to be mutilated and murdered?

The church's anger, and possibly its despair, surfaced with particular force late last month, after almost 300 innocent civilians had been murdered during the week in which Dr Henry Kissinger and his special commission on Central America arrived to provide President Reagan with advice on how to strengthen domestic support for US policies.

"Our God does not sleep, but neither do the adorers of violence", Mgr Chavez had declared in a recent homily aimed directly at the right-wing death squads.

Few Salvadoreans doubt that the thugs of the Maximiliano Hernandez Brigade are prepared to carry out their latest threat against the church. The government now admits frankly to frightened union leaders who have received similar warnings that it cannot protect them, an American journalist who recently ran foul of the country's much feared Treasury police left the country in a hurry after the US embassy told him his safety could no longer be guaranteed.

Church leaders are understandably reluctant to exacerbate the present crisis by pointing a finger publicly at the men generally considered to be responsible for the campaign against them. It is, however, common know-



Turbulent priests: Mgr Rivera (left), archbishop of San Salvador, and Managua's archbishop, Mgr Bravo



Bullets for mourners at Archbishop Romero's funeral and political posters for the Pope's visit to Nicaragua

ledge that the US ambassador to El Salvador at the time of Romero's assassination is firmly convinced it was plotted by the ultra right-wing leader of the country's constituent assembly, Major Roberto D'Aubuisson. For his part, Major D'Aubuisson told the Kissinger commission that middle-ranking army officers were behind the recent rash of political murders.

Like most reporters who make regular visits to El Salvador, I can vouch for the fact that some deeply frightening people - in and out of uniform - hold extraordinarily violent views about the advantage of eliminating anyone to the left of them politically. For men like this most of the Catholic church could safely be lumped in with the Maximiliano

issue of the new conscription law as the final battlefield. For the Sandinistas, still acutely nervous about the possibility of a Grenada-style invasion by the US, retreat in the face of church pressure is unthinkable. The church considers itself the only institution in Nicaragua with the will to resist the steady transformation of the nation into an orthodox Marxist regime in which its own role will inevitably be much diminished.

It is also something of a grudge match between notably stubborn opponents. Mgr Obando and his bishops are still fuming about the deft manipulation by the Sandinistas of Pope John Paul II's visit to Nicaragua in March this year. The Nicaraguan hierarchy had hoped for a stirring occasion to rally around the traditional faith. What they got instead, in the words of one foreign priest, was "the combination of a rally in Red Square and a Sandinista recruitment drive".

Church and state relations have been glacial ever since. The archbishop has concentrated his counter attack on the Sandinistas' failure to honour their pledge to hold free elections shortly after their victory over Somoza in 1979 (elections are currently promised for 1985) and for their introduction of a state of emergency, suspending the freedom of the press among other things, in March 1982.

"Fifty thousand Nicaraguans gave their lives in the revolution to change things," Mgr Obando remarked last week. "I am not saying it is worse now than under Somoza, because then there were continual violations of human rights, illegal arrests, torture and summary executions." But before a new dialogue with the Sandinistas could begin, the present law suspending democracy would have to go.

Some of Mgr Obando's priests appear to have been considerably less circumspect in their opposition to the regime. A series of freely distributed pamphlets has developed the argument that conscientious objectors have a duty to exert "positive" moral pressure on the Sandinista authorities. Among the recommended means of doing so are demonstrations, strikes and boycotts, the occupation of public buildings and the burning of call-up papers. Strong stuff for any authoritarian regime.

For his part, the archbishop has suspended a score or more priests for dereliction of duty - for the most part their involvement with the "popular church" movement that supports the Sandinistas (two Catholic priests head important ministries in the government).

Both sides seem to have chosen the

aimed primarily at the handful of feeble opposition parties which are tolerated. The government's decision to unleash the turbas - its carefully controlled mobs - against priests and churches is clearly intended to be a warning shot across the archbishop's bows.

Pro-Sandinista newspapers (the only ones which can publish freely) are stepping up their conscription law with support for the "Somocista" counter-revolutionaries conducting a guerrilla war along Nicaragua's frontiers.

It is impossible to gauge with any accuracy what ordinary Nicaraguans feel about this confrontation. The regime's exploitation of the Pope's visit certainly upset many people, but the "popular church" appears to enjoy considerable support among the young. About 50 per cent of the population is now under the age of 17; the majority are still at school, where the Sandinistas' political doctrines form much of their curriculum.

There are frequent stage-managed demonstrations in favour of the new conscription measures, which the government claims have been a resounding success. Other sources say that the initial responses fell short of expectations, which accounts for the Sandinistas' angry reaction to the intervention of the church.

Two churches, two very different crises. Nothing in the Sandinistas' behaviour since they came to power in Nicaragua suggest they will tolerate forever the existence of a powerful dissident voice from the pulpit. But at least nobody there expects the present crisis to have a bloody outcome.

El Salvador is another matter altogether. Archbishop Rivera will not flinch from what he believes is the Salvadorean church's most precious mission: to place itself as effectively as possible between the ordinary people and the murderers. In his first homily since the threat against his life was made, he demanded that the government begin "to investigate and detain the villains of the death squads".

This will not prevent the death squads from claiming more victims; only sustained pressure from the Reagan administration on the Salvadorean government might just conceivably achieve that. But anyone who has seen poor and defenceless Salvadoreans kneeling in tears before posters of the assassinated Archbishop Romero must feel that the martyrs of the church in El Salvador have died in a just cause.

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Moreover... Miles Kington

The party line

Not many people realize that the Belfast Festival is currently celebrating its twenty-first birthday and I wouldn't either if I hadn't been over at the weekend, playing two late-night concerts with Instant Sunshine. Fewer still realize that the Belfast Festival is the biggest in Britain after Edinburgh, and, for my money, more enjoyable.

Edinburgh is great, but there is a frantic quality to the fun, like a symphony being taken rather too fast, in Belfast they get the tempo just right. The charm of the three weeks is so addictive that people volunteer to come from hundreds of miles away just to help out - the man who chartered us from the airport turned out to be the ex-director of the Hongkong Arts Festival, over from London for the fun of it.

It isn't just the festival. Many performers say they'd rather perform to Belfast audiences than any one else, year in year out. One common explanation of the Belfast warmth is that they're grateful to anyone prepared to come and entertain them, but this seems unduly patronizing. In any case there's so much on during the festival that were I living in the city I'd be grateful for a night off, though if I were a true Belfast person I wouldn't have a night off: I'd have a party instead.

In our two nights there, we were invited to four different parties, and as we left, shattered, in the early hours of Sunday morning, we were being urged to stay on for two more parties at Sunday luncheon.

Maybe the festival is a series of well-planned parties from which people sneak off to concerts and plays for the occasional rest. I don't know how Michael Palin stood the strain: He was here for five days.

We were sharing the Arts Theatre with his show, More Than 35 Minutes With Michael Palin. On his previous visit to the festival, Palin's script had run out after 35 minutes and he'd been forced to enlist the spectators' help to continue. One stood up and asked Michael, did he know that there was a tradition at the theatre for performers to run round the auditorium and that the recovery was held by Lord Olivier at 47 seconds? Palin had promptly broken this completely fictitious record and made the run a regular feature of the show.

On the final Saturday night a fit young lad from the audience lowered the record to 12 seconds dead, but to great cheers Palin immediately set an all-time best of 10.77. I asked him, in an exclusive interview afterwards, how he could still beat a younger man.

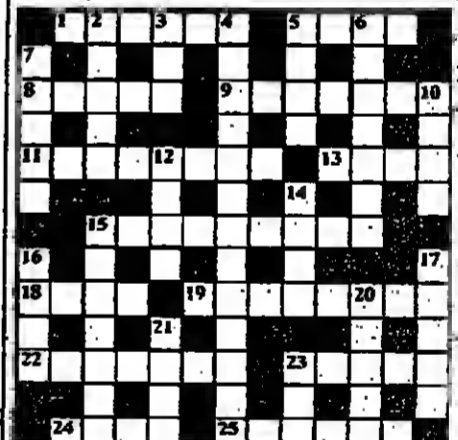
"The secret is to hold on tight to members of the audience as you're turning corners, so as not to lose speed. Volunteers are always too shy to do that."

How long had he been touring this one-man show?

"Only five days. I've never done it anywhere but Belfast. Has anyone ever told you there's something special about Belfast audiences? Oh, have they? Well, kiddies, I'd love stay for your concert, but I have to go to a party. See you there, no doubt."

More about Belfast as and when my memory returns.

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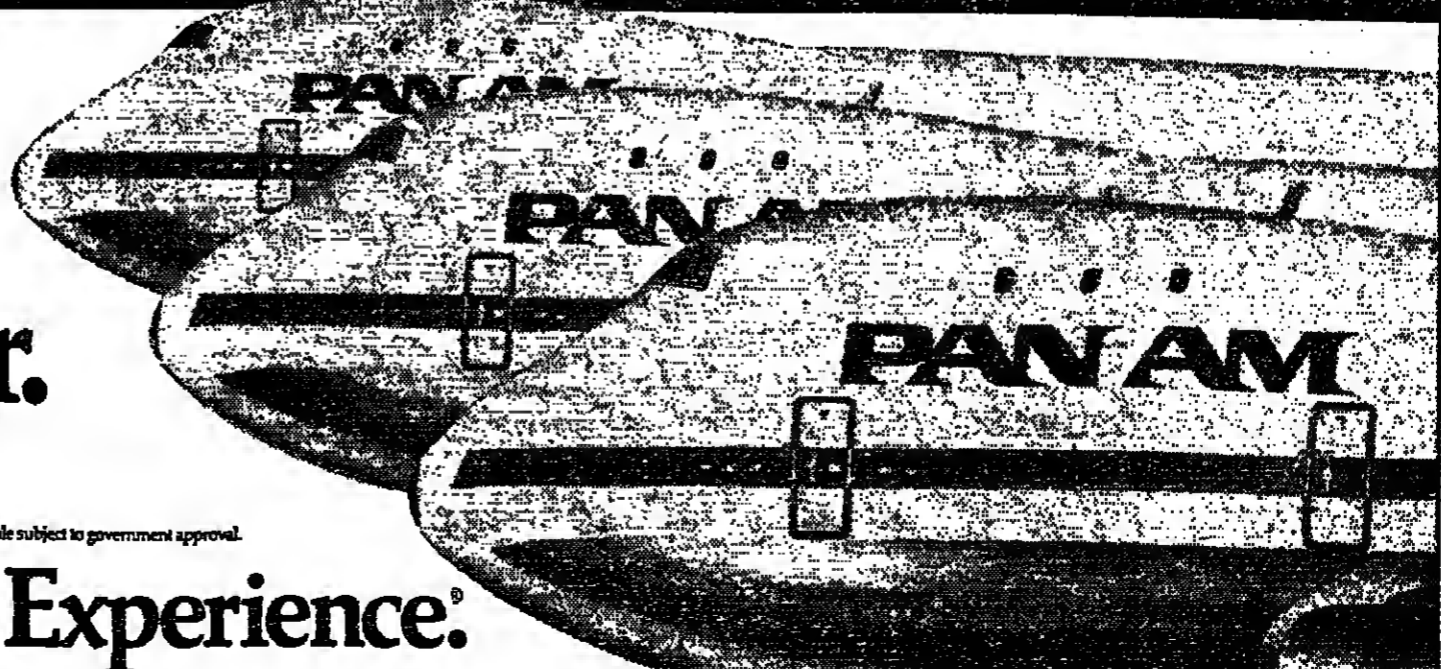
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THE ARTS

Television Leisured classes

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Statistics first. Forty-seven had found jobs, but 35 had no full-time job in two years; 28 were now parents, 23 unmarried; 42 did not vote in the General Election...

Under Gus Macdonald's brisk interrogation this pleasantly articulate bunch revealed a wide variety of attitudes to politics, work and love...

Michael Church

John Barton returns to the Other Place at Stratford after an absence of five years to direct one of the greatest of Spanish classics, Lope de Vega's...

Galleries

The feminist connexion

The Male Nude Francois de Louville

William Dobson 1611-46 National Portrait Gallery

Victorian Fanfare Christopher Wood

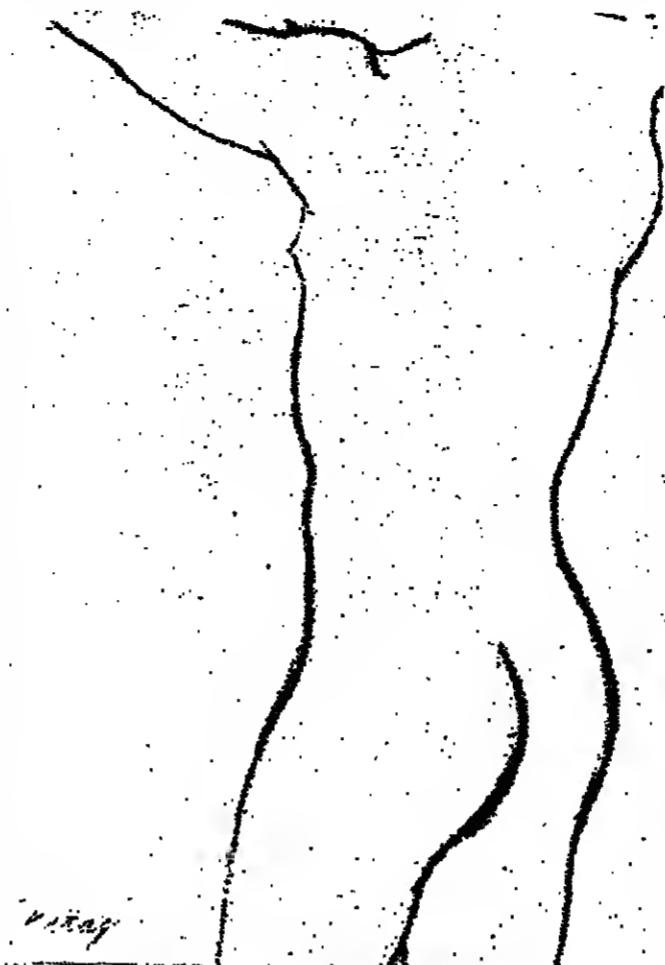
The preferred sex for nudes seems to depend not only on the taste of the individual artist but also on the period and place in which he or she is living...

situation but managed to purge most of the sensuality from the female nude.

Attitudes are clearly less well-defined nowadays, but nevertheless it is possible to discern a shift towards the male, partly because of the rise of feminism...

Lotto. Kitaj's own contribution is a charcoal drawing simply called Male Nude, executed with the utmost economy of line.

The quality of the draughtsmanship in many of the works is quite remarkable, particularly Paul Guest's exquisitely refined studies, in very fine crayon on washed paper with white heightening...



Perfect economy: Kitaj's Male Nude

background. One of Dobson's few female portraits is that of his second wife, Judith (private collection), who rediscovered them in India in the collection of the Maharajah of Jammagar...

passed through the gallery's hands this year; the magnificent Tissot The Garden Bench, which has benefited enormously from cleaning...

Jeffery Daniels



Dobson's haughty Colonel John Russell (detail)

Philharmonia/Berglund Festival Hall

Two impassioned pleas for peace were made at the Festival Hall on Sunday: one whispered quietly confident, fending off applause, the other exhortatory, yet less certain, seeking reaction and acceptance as it were for reassurance.

The fact that Fauré's Requiem and Haydn's Harmoniemesse together made such a rich and entire evening was due primarily to Paavo Berglund's far-sighted yet humanely detailed direction...

inner voicing and swift reactions to the baton's urging. Lilian Watson, replacing an indisposed Margaret Marshall, gave a "Pie Jesu" both serene and spirited...

The darkness and weight of the work (it was written to a backdrop of the fragile Treaty of Amiens), its diminished harmonics and leaning appoggiaturas, were held in lively balance with the vivid articulation of some of Haydn's most teasingly inventive writing.

Concerts

The Osanna bee-hawed exuberantly away (the donkey connexion was a nice idea in William Mann's notes); the violins relished every twist and turn of their figure in the Credo...

Hilary Finch

Shura Cherkassky Wigmore Hall

Like a will of the wisp, Shura Cherkassky flitted on to the Wigmore Hall stage on Saturday night, dallied with the piano, smiled puckishly, obliged with a generous handful of encores...

half included two huge masterworks, the Bach-Busoni Chaconne and the Brahms Paganini Variations. But both of those are works in which shortish sections are knitted together into large structures...

The variations of tempo in Busoni's superb reinterpretation of Bach (pace the condescending programme note, I do not think the most hard-line aestheticist would dispute the authentic insight of Busoni's transcription) were so violent that the overall vision was hard to discern...

Here Cherkassky's rhythmic energy hardly ever flagged, however demanding the figurations. He played both books, 30 variations in all - too much of a good thing?

On his own terms, Cherkassky was surely at the top of his form; there were no ugly banging noises, no pianissimo so malle that the sound disappeared. Still, the impression he gives of toying with his music was increased by the second half of Chopin, with its underpowered B minor Scherzo and a couple of Nocturnes which were lovely rather than tough...

Nicholas Kenyon

Opera Striking resource

Acante et Céphise Radio 3

Like Rameau's last opera, Les Boréades, the pastorate-heroiqe cotiled Acante et Céphise escaped the fate of the nineteenth-century "complete edition" of his works...

Although it does not have the weight or substance of Hippolyte et Aricie, Dardanus and the other unequalled masterpieces, Acante et Céphise is a brilliantly resourceful entertainment which contains some remarkable passages...

which is recapitulated in different form later in the act. There is a wonderful pre-Zauberflöte aria depicting the fierce lion, flitting butterflies and gentle nightingale...

This was the first operatic venture for Trevor Pinnock's English Concert and (one or two moments of insecurity aside) it was a marvellously conceived and exuberant account of the work...

Under Pinnock's lively direction, his choir made an especially strong impression, and the orchestra caught the spirit of the dance music perfectly...

Nicholas Kenyon

Huddersfield Festival Lovely decadence

From the wiry intellectual gymnastics of Carter quartets the Huddersfield Festival moved during the weekend into the luxury and lowliness of its other star guest, Hans Werner Henze...

The former, a clarinet concerto cum tone poem celebrating the beautiful boy murderer of Genet's novel, was conducted by Henze himself...

For the concert, the baton passed to Jan Latham-Koenig, conducting his own ensemble and the New London Chamber Choir. This was an enraptured performance of a work from Henze's sunniest period...

British debut for her, introducing us to a voice of blanching purity and brilliant precision...

On Sunday afternoon the choir of this performance reappeared with their conductor James Wood to offer some Victoria as a welcome haven at this stage of a modern music festival...

Among other pieces, the big Henze concert introduced also an abrupt and simple chamber work by Javier Alvarez as well as a nicely turned Extension 3 by Stephen Gibson...

Paul Griffiths

Court of Appeal

Ownership irrelevant to intent to supply

Regina v Delgado Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Skinner and Mr Justice McCowan. [Judgment delivered November 21]

Questions of the transfer of ownership or legal possession of drugs were irrelevant to the issue of whether or not there was an "intent to supply" within section 5(3) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

The Court of Appeal, so held when dismissing an appeal by Winston George Delgado, aged 29, a self-employed tailor of Hanbury Street, Stepney, London, against conviction at Inner London Crown Court (Judge West-Russell) on a charge of plea after a ruling for possession of controlled drug with intent to supply it to another - namely 6.31 kg of cannabis, worth at least £15,000 at street value. He was sentenced to four years' imprisonment.

He had pleaded guilty to another count charging possession of the cannabis, for which he received a concurrent prison sentence of two years. An appeal against sentence also was dismissed. An application for a certificate that a point of law of general public importance was involved in the decision was adjourned.

Mr M. A. P. Hopper, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals to represent the appellant, Mrs Linda Stern for the Crown.

Ministry circular unlawful

Regina v Worthing Borough Council and Another, Ex parte Burch and Another. Before Mr Justice Mann. [Judgment delivered November 14]

The procedure set out in Ministry of Housing and Local Government Circular 49/63 whereby the Secretary of State for the Environment could express an opinion that he would, on appeal, have granted planning permission for certain development on Crown land which a government department wished to sell was unlawful, because it had the effect of constraining the planning authority to grant any subsequent application for planning permission for such development and thus of depriving local people of their right, on appeal, to make representations against the grant of planning permission.

Mr Justice Mann so held in the Queen's Bench Division granting an application by Mr George Henry Burch and Mrs Beverly Gwendoline Slattery for a declaration that an opinion expressed by the secretary of state on July 26, 1982, pursuant to the procedure in Circular 49/63, was ultra vires and of no effect. Mr David Mole for the applicants; Mr Simon D Brown for the secretary of state.

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given it to him for safe keeping earlier that day and that he was not concerned with its disposal after delivery to them. After the appellant had given evidence, the trial judge ruled that the returning of the cannabis to the friends was an act of supplying and that the appellant's own evidence and plea of guilty to possession amounted to an admission of the offence of possessing with intent to supply. He changed his plea to "supply" as an act of providing drugs to a person who had no ownership or control over them.

He supported his argument by reference, later cited in Regina v Greenfield (Evans) (1983) Crim LR 397, but in that case the court kept open the point argued in the present appeal.

Having considered R v Harris (Janet) (1968) 1 WLR 769 and Holmes v Chief Constable Merseyside Police (1976) Crim LR 125 in those circumstances, the judge was entirely right in his ruling and the appellant's argument had no foundation. The appeal was dismissed. Solicitors: Solicitor, Metropolitan Police.

Recent possession apt only in theft

Regina v Smith (William)

Before Lord Justice Eveleigh, Lord Justice Robert Goff and Mr Justice Hogg. [Judgment delivered November 17]

Where a defendant was charged with theft, the jury should not be directed that they could in certain circumstances infer his guilt from evidence of his having been in possession of recently stolen goods unless all the circumstances of the case otherwise pointed exclusively to his being guilty of theft rather than of handling stolen goods.

The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) so stated, quashing five convictions recorded against William Smith at Canterbury Crown Court (Judge Cosgrave) on June 29 for offences of theft, forgery and using forged instruments. Mr James Turner, assigned by the

Council entitled to cut registrar's salary

Miles v Wakefield Metropolitan District Council

Before Mr Justice Nicholls. [Judgment delivered November 9]

A superintendent registrar of births, deaths and marriages who rearranged his weekly schedules to avoid celebrating marriage ceremonies on Saturdays in compliance with his trade union's instructions was not fulfilling his statutory obligations for which the local authority was obliged to pay him, and accordingly he was a servant of the Crown and not an employee of the local authority.

Mr Stephen Sedley QC for Mr Miles; Mr Robert Taylor for the council. MR JUSTICE NICHOLLS said that Mr Miles, the superintendent registrar for the Wakefield registration district since April 1974, in 1981, on the instructions of his trade union the National and Local Government Officers' Association (NALGO) and in company with other superintendent registrars throughout the country, engaged in industrial action in support of a claim for improving the grading of superintendent registrars.

Chancery Division

Miles v Wakefield Metropolitan District Council

(1976) 1 WLR 947. Mr Miles's appointment was made pursuant to the powers of the Registrar General under the Registration Service Act 1953, and the Local Government Act 1972. Evidence showed that Mr Miles was an exemplary superintendent registrar, and that his hours of work comprised 37 hours per week including 9am to 12.30pm on Saturdays plus an additional four hours as required.

In declining to conduct ceremonies on Saturdays Mr Miles was not exercising his own discretion. He was acting in compliance with the instructions of his union and the purpose of which was to bring pressure to bear on the Government by causing inconvenience to the public.

However, Mr Miles continued to work his normal hours each week including Saturdays but would only conduct wedding ceremonies on Monday to Friday. The Registrar General knew of the industrial action taken by Mr Miles and other superintendent registrars but took no steps to intervene and on his annual inspection at Wakefield in January 1982 congratulated Mr Miles on the excellent way in which the service continued to be run in Wakefield.

Chancery Division

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The council deducted from Mr Miles's salary some £774. The status of a superintendent registrar was unusual, although paid by the local authority he was not an employee but was a servant of the Crown (see R v Barrett (George) (1976) 1 WLR 947).

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THE TIMES DIARY

Four in hand

Current affairs staff at Channel 4 are becoming concerned at the constant interest demonstrated in their work by their chairman, Edmund Dell. Dell is showing an increasingly high profile within the company - it was he who made the speech at the channel's first birthday celebrations at the Reform Club instead of chief executive Jeremy Isaacs.

Match for youth

Politely making way for younger blood in the Old Etonian football team, veterans have formed a new team for ex-Etonians over 30 - the OAFs (Old Age Footballers). Drawn from such mature talent as Kel Gibson-Watt, a constable on the Hammersmith beat, James Mackinnon, a millionaire art dealer, and 39-year-old star striker Viscount Cornbury, the players have surprised even themselves by not losing one of their 16 matches so far.



"Congratulations, you've become the proud father of £500,000."

Stage struck

Today, several London MPs will be offered a good time by 110 fetching young women. The women are members of Slap (Society of London Arts Publicists; president, Joan Bakewell) who are launching a scheme called "Give an MP a good night out". Each Slap member hopes to take the MP for her constituency to an artistic occasion, so that they may see at first hand what they may be missing if threatened cuts in the arts budget go through. Liz Stolls, publicist for Sadler's Wells, plans to take her MP, Chris Smith (Islington South and Finsbury), to a night at the opera while President Bakewell would like to take Frank Dobson (Holborn and St Pancras) to the revival of the RSC musical Poppy. John Silkin (Lewisham, Deptford) gets Old Time Hall at the Albany Empire, and John Wheeler (Westminster North) the Impact Theatre at the ICA.

And this piggy...



Two hawk-eyed chaps at BBC External Services, Andy Popperwell and Mike Poppham, have discovered something out of the ordinary about Commodore Officer, so that they Simonstown dockyard commander now on trial for treason. They say that judging from a photograph in yesterday's Times, he appears to have six toes on one foot. As sinister a hit of bodywork as the three nipples on one of the more memorable James Bond villains.

Thirsty work

The delayed opening of the National Theatre's musical Jean Seberg is proving expensive for the composer Marvin Hamlisch, who has had to stay a fortnight longer than expected at his Savoy river suite, which costs more than £2,000 a week. The National Theatre, however, is generously helping him out with a weekly accommodation allowance of £100.

Sir John Hoskyns follows up his attack on establishment inertia



Take off the blinkers - think for a change

In a lecture to the Institute of Directors recently, I suggested that the task facing the Government - a gradual but fundamental transformation of Britain's political economy - was beyond the political and technical competence of Whitehall and Westminster, that Fleet Street seemed unable to expose the political establishment (defined as some 650 MPs and 3,000 senior civil servants) to critical appraisal and was thus itself part of the problem; and that radical reform of the political and governmental system might be a precondition (though of course no guarantee) of Britain's recovery.

I proposed that such reform should be aimed at four objectives. First, the Prime Minister in forming a government should no longer be restricted to the small pool of career politicians at Westminster. Second, Whitehall must be organized for strategy and innovation, as well as for day-to-day political survival. Third, adequate numbers of high-quality outsiders must be brought into the Civil Service. Fourth, ministers' workloads must be reduced.

Getting a debate of this kind started takes time. There were inevitable misunderstandings, reflected in press comment on the lines of "Should businessmen run Britain?" or "Should the Civil Service be politicized on American lines?" This is not surprising, when leader writers have to comment, within a day or two, on a lecture of several thousand words. Commentators, like officials in an overloaded Whitehall department, select those hits of the thesis which seem familiar and which can therefore be answered, as it were, "from stock".

Speak, or forever be silenced

There must come a time in every red-blonded boy or girl's life when the desire to throw eggs at Mr Michael Heseltine becomes overpowering, and even I, conscious as I am of the dignity demanded by my years and eminence, would feel strange impulses stirring if I were to hurry into him outside a dairy. Hurling paint at him would not be my style, though I agree that it is not easy to draw any kind of moral distinction between the two types of missiles, and I can see how the less indecent assault could lead to the more. But today's question is not whether it would be pleasant to turn Mr Heseltine into a vividly-coloured omelette, but whether it is right to do so, and while doing so to prevent him, by yelling and screaming and stamping, from offering his opinions to those who have invited him to address them.

On the whole, and by and large, and taking one consideration with another, I think it is not, as it happens, Mr Heseltine must be better able to endure the eggs and paint than most; he has lots and lots and lots of suits in his wardrobe, and can easily afford the most expensive and deep-cleaning shampoo on the market. As it further happens, I have no doubt at all that the momentary discomfort of the pelting was very heavily outweighed by his delight in the knowledge that nothing could have been better calculated to produce sympathy and assent for his views than the attempt to suppress them by violence. Indeed, if the slippery moneysaver had any sense, he would start to hint that Mr Heseltine had hired the demonstrators himself.

But the fact that Mr Heseltine and his views on the necessity of nuclear defence have gained by the actions of those who sought to cause him loss is not the most important here. Nor, even, is the fact that, as the picture of him surrounded by a phalanx of policemen showed, he was lucky that nothing worse than paint and eggs happened to him. What is most important is that people who disagreed with his opinion sought, not to express that disagreement, but to silence that opinion. By all accounts, they largely succeeded, but it would make no difference if they had not: the attempt and not the deed confounds us.

There is no comfort to be found in the obvious truth: that those who demand exclusive rights of expression for their own views, and seek to deny that right to the expression of contrary views, realize, however deeply they bury the realization, that their views are mistaken. The reason that there is no comfort in the truism is that it makes no difference to what actually happens when those of totalitarian tendencies have the power to impose their tendencies on those with democratic ones. In totalitarian states no other views are allowed; that indeed is how "total" gave birth to "totalitarian". But a mob determined and able to silence a cabinet minister, and its weapons - noise, missiles and ultimately bodily violence - though they are obviously lesser in degree than the weapons of concentration camp and torture chamber, are the same in kind: they are the means by which the enemies of freedom destroy freedom in whatever area they control.

Roger Scruton

Who will heed the Turks of Cyprus?

In order to maintain peace within its disparate territories, the Ottoman Empire often granted legal protection to languages, religions and customs other than those of the Sultan. When the Ottomans captured Cyprus from the Venetians in 1571, their first act was to restore the autocephalous Cypriot church, and to confer upon its patriarch those powers of government which he had previously been accustomed to enjoy. Henceforth the Greek, orthodox religion and Christian customs were dominant in Cyprus, and when the empire began to collapse, its various communities struggled to find an identity outside it, it was inevitable that the Greek Cypriots should nurture the idea that their territory - which has never been a Greek possession - is nevertheless "essentially" Christian, and "essentially" Greek.

Had the British not stepped in, and incorporated the island into another founding empire, the Cypriot Turks (a largely peasant community, dispersed across the land in unfortified villages) would have gone the way of the Cretan Turks, none of whom survived the territorial enthusiasm of their Greek-speaking compatriots. The megal idea - the idea of a pan-hellenic state, embracing all those communities and territories where Greek was the common tongue - persisted in the minds of the Greek Cypriots. When Archbishop Makarios stepped by democratic election into the hereditary privileges of the patriarch, it was with the promise of enosis - of union with Greece. It cannot be denied that, in the minds of many Greek Cypriots, enosis also meant the expulsion of the Turkish "foreigner". We know what the armed struggle for enosis meant to our unfortunate troops on the island. But we tend to ignore the fact that it continued, long after independence in 1960.

The constitution adopted in 1960 provided for a "bi-communal" state, and was guaranteed by the three interested parties - Greece, Britain and Turkey - each of which had the right to intervene unilaterally in the event of a breakdown of the treaty between them. This right was finally exercised by Turkey in 1974. A "bi-communal constitution" is not a federal constitution, since it does not recognize the separate legal personality of either community. It merely stipulates that so many offices in the government, administration, police, judiciary etc, must be filled from each side. During the years leading up to 1974, when Greece was ruled by a military dictatorship, Turkish civil servants received no salaries, Turkish judges found themselves unable to enforce their judgments, Turkish villages were deprived of services, and Turkish government officers were subjected to intimidation.

The UN, moreover, agrees, and has pronounced the new government of Mr Rauf Denktaş "illegal". But it is said that our own government had a part in the pronouncement. One can only hope that the Turkish Cypriots will not see this as yet further evidence of the conviction that the territories mentioned in former constitutions should be governed from Athens, or the still more atavistic idea, that legality is a Christian invention whose edicts must be accepted unquestioningly by the "barbarous" Turk.

Michael Binyon

Awaiting a German Neil Kinnock

The ship is leaving the pilot, Helmut Schmidt said at the weekend, quoting to his colleagues in the Social Democratic Party the apportionment of those who have watched the inexorable political transformation of the SPD. Schmidt, one of West Germany's greatest chancellors and until last year the dominant figure in the centre-left party that he helped to mould into a natural vehicle for government, is now an isolated figure, his party standing on the brink of unilateralism and neutralism.

It is an hour of triumph for Willy Brandt, the charismatic idealist who has never really recovered from the personal and political shipwreck that ended his days as Chancellor, nor forgave himself his successor, for the role he played in saving the party in 1974. Refusing to give up, Brandt clung to his post as party chairman to stage a comeback, cultivating the left wing, the young - all those who chafed under the constraints of Schmidt's pragmatism. And now the old man has won.

In fact the party has been tugging at its centrist moorings for many years. It is at heart, and out in the constituencies, much more like the British Labour Party than like its new namesake in Britain. But, as in Britain, the widening rift between the aspirations and emotions of the party's base and the policies of its leadership led to a steady build-up of frustration which was only papered over by Schmidt's tough talk at party conferences, by face-saving formulas, postponements of divisive debates and the demands for unity and loyalty in order to remain in office.

Freed from the burden of government - which even Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, the defeated candidate for Chancellor, admitted in March would probably give a useful time for reflection - the party indulged its emotions, to renege on its restlessness left wing. Where will this take the SPD? There are three possible courses. One is to follow the line represented by Vogel, the parliamentary leader. It will go as far as possible to accommodate the left, wants to strengthen the Bundeswehr, rejects neutralism and sticks to the broadly centrist lines on economic, social and foreign policy as laid down more than 20 years ago.

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'Turbocharger' puts speed into gas

At long last CAFS. After 14 years of development and four of low-key marketing, ICL is putting its Content Addressable File Store into what counts in the mainframe industry as mass production.

THE WEEK
Clive Cookson

Despite the slow pace so far - ICL executives now admit the CAFS should have been developed more urgently - the product still emerges as a truly innovative means of extracting information quickly from a large computer database.

Some eyebrows were raised in the industry when Computing named CAFS as Britain's most significant product of the past decade in its 10th anniversary issue last February, because ICL had sold only a dozen machines three years after launching its first commercial version.

But the magazine's panel of experts voted for CAFS on the basis of its immense promise for the future, and ICL's announcement last week that CAFS will be a standard feature of its 2900 series mainframe computers is the first big step toward fulfilling that promise.

It means, according to Hamish Carmichael, the product manager, that ICL will sell some 100 CAFS within a year. Alan Russell, the company's UK divisional manager, says that CAFS will bring ICL a "substantial" increase in mainframe sales. If so it will be worth many tens of millions of pounds a year.

Peter Davidson, mainframe business manager, calls CAFS the turbo-charger for the 2900 series. Field trials have shown that it boosts overall system performance by 30 per cent for a typical mixed workload.

For users who have to do a lot of file searching, the improvement can be much more dramatic. Mr Davidson quotes the example of North Thames Gas, whose computer processed inquiries between six and 60 times faster after CAFS was fitted. Average response times fell from 2½ minutes to 4½ seconds.

CAFS is a hardware-based searching engine, which imposes little additional processing load on its host computer - in contrast to all the alternative software-based systems which require enormous computer power to work as fast.

The speed is achieved by working in parallel. Data coming off the storage discs are split into 16 channels and each stream is searched simultaneously according to its own criteria.

The current model, CAFS-ISP (for Information Search Processing), searches at a rate of one megabyte per second (a limit set by ICL's standard disc

drives rather than CAFS itself). That is equivalent to moving along a library shelf at one mile per hour, reading every word in every book and noting down anything that matches what you are looking for.

CAFS was inspired originally by British Telecom's requirement to computerize directory inquiries and it performed that application well in local trials. But BT decided early this year to spend £32m on an established American system for its national directory inquiry service, rather than waiting a little longer for ICL to produce the right version of CAFS.

Although the decision was presumably correct according to BT's short-term commercial criteria, it was crazy in terms of national industrial policy.

However, ICL officials have stopped lamenting BT's decision, now that they belatedly appreciate the all-round commercial importance of CAFS.

The original commercial version, CAFS 808, cost several hundred thousand pounds in September 1979 and was a cabinet-sized computer in its own right. Not surprisingly, only nine were sold.

Software comes in from the cold

By Maggie McLening

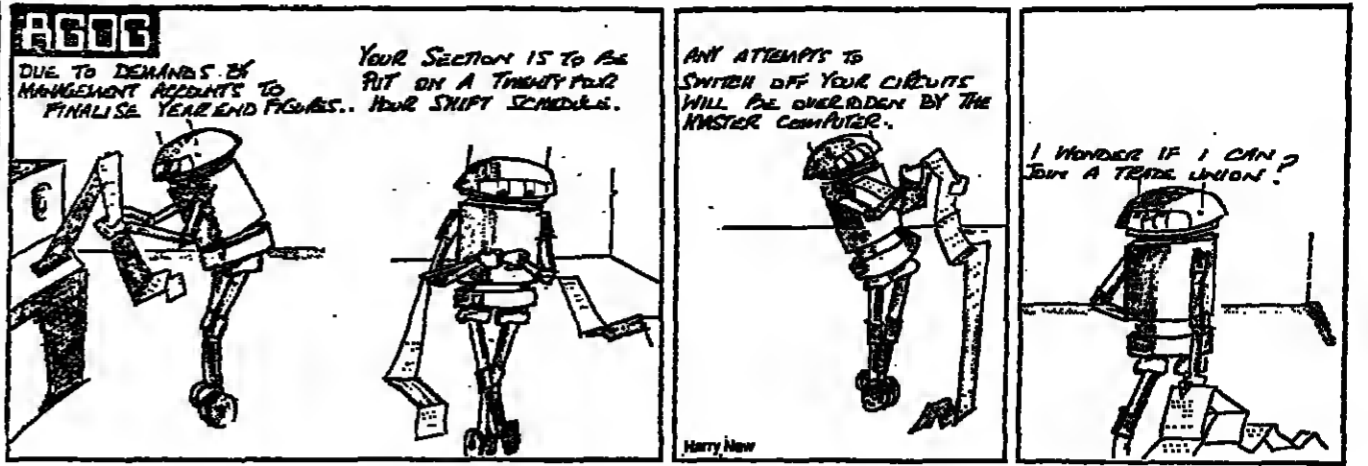
Thousands of computing professionals and end-users converged on Olympia last week for the annual Comspec exhibition: the teddy bear's picnic of the computer industry. Computer games were generally less in evidence this year, perhaps a reflection of the industry's growing maturity, but Acorn Computers had a steady stream of youthful visitors anxious to try out the BBC Micro and its sibling Electron.

Software came in from the cold, having been relegated to a marquee in the car park at the previous Comspec, and the 150 stands in the Software Village grappled with the problem of exhibiting an invisible product.

Most plumped for informal hands-on demonstrations, with systems software house Micro Focus carrying informality to the limit by inviting visitors to sit on an authentic-looking fairground carousel to try out the Personal Cobol package.

British Micro unveiled a graphics input device that could sweep the home market. Grafpad can be used with the BBC machine, Sinclair Spectrum or Commodore 64 to create two-dimensional drawings, and priced at £125 is considerably cheaper than its nearest rivals.

Another alternative to the keyboard, the mouse, appeared to be losing its novelty and



Nicola's talking machine friend

by Diana Patt

Ten-year-old Nicola Murray is a quadruplegic spastic with a severe speech impediment which makes normal conversation difficult.

Against all odds, Nicola is a bright child and a cheerful one and now, with the aid of a voice recognition machine (a computer synthesizer), she can communicate fully for the first time with people other than her family.

Her father, John Murray, of Sale, Cheshire, started experimenting with computers to add a new dimension to his handicapped daughter's life.

The computer synthesizer John Murray chose - the only one suitable for the purpose - is a Votan machine made by a Cambridgeshire firm. This machine picks up the strangled sounds made by the child and "translates" them into messages.

For example, the sound "hung" which Nicola can make emerges in her father's voice "I am hungry. Please can I have something to eat". The sound creates a voice pattern which goes into the memory of the computer and is recognized by it.

Earlier computer synthesizers reproduced phonetics and robotic type of speech, whereas Votan works on an audio-recorded principle and the speech pattern is normal.

The Votan is used in conjunction with an IBM or similar computer with sufficient storage for the vocabulary needed. This computer would cost between £5,000 and £6,000, but can be used for other tasks. The Votan would cost about £4,000.

John Murray, an airline captain, says: "I have great aspirations for the machine and not only for my daughter. It

would be a tremendous asset to blind people searching for information.

He has developed a programme enabling up to a thousand messages to be processed through the Votan synthesizer and says: "My ideas for this are not for Nicola now so much as for her future when she will need to be as independent as possible. At present all who are involved with her are trained to understand her. She goes to a special handicap school, the Pictor School in Sale.

"Her five-year-old sister, Julie Anne, communicates better with her than anybody else. When Nicola is older, she will be able to make telephone calls using the machine and this will enlarge her social life."

The family are pioneering the project on their own and John Murray feels there is a limit to the extent he as an amateur can

successfully programme the machine.

"I know how many hours I have spent programming, but it really needs professionals to take it up so that people skilled in writing software programming can take the project a stage further. The commercial possibilities for others could be tremendous as a result of the work done for the handicapped."

John Murray emphasized that the technology is still in its infancy and that the machine is not transportable and can only be used in a permanent setting such as home or office. "This is the position at present", he says. "But who knows how it will develop in another 10 or 20 years?"

● A film showing how Nicola "talks" through her machine can be seen on TV's Real World programme on ITV on Monday, November 28 at 7 pm.

British launch for the new Hero

In what amounts to a major re-launch of the American company, Mohawk Data Sciences announced a new networking micro-computer which it hopes will put the company in the public eye, writes Geoffrey Ellis.

Robert Amman, head of MDS Systems Division, speaking in New York at the launch of the Hero personal computer, said he is targeting his attack mainly on the IBM 3270 network market.

Hero, he claims, can fill many needs of the automated office as an individual machine, as a small office cluster and by linking with the MDS Super 21 Communications Processor, create local area networks and provide access to mainframes allowing the user to withdraw data, process or amend it, and return it to the mainframe.



Robert Amman

Networked, it is able to run ten programs concurrently and with the screen window facility can display several programs and a scratch pad simultaneously. When it is used with the Super 21, it can connect directly to IBM 3270 SNA or IBM 3775 remote job entry networks.

The Hero, a 16-bit desktop micro, is based on the 80186 chip, and in its basic form, comes with 256K of RAM, which, with a neat modular expansion, can grow to a healthy 1024 K. It is a standard three unit machine: a slimline keyboard, with ten programmable function keys, a lightweight monitor, and the central processor unit, all designed for modular storage and memory expansion.

With the European launch planned for later this week, the product should be available both in Britain and in the USA by early next year.

Speakers from three of the world's top telecommunications

administrations have agreed to give keynote addresses at ICC 84, the seventh international conference on computer communications. They are Sir George Jefferson, chairman of British Telecom, Dr Yasusada Kitahara, executive vice-president of Japan's Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corporation, and John Segall, vice-president planning of American Telephone & Telegraph.

ICC is held every two years in different locations and draws about 1,500 specialists from all over the world. Last year it was in London, but in 1984 it will be in Sydney, Australia, from October 30 to November 2. It will be hosted by the Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia) and Telecom Australia.

The organizers say they have already been offered nearly 300 papers from 19 countries.

Telepad, a terminal which allows handwriting to be entered direct to computer systems, is now being marketed by BCU Computers (GB), a recently formed British company which specializes in full-scale computers.

Described as the natural man-machine interface, Telepad consists of a pad measuring 13 by 11 inches, a screen of 40 characters, and an electronic part. It allows direct handwritten input from work areas such as the office desk or factory floor, and is said to recognize all alphanumeric and many special characters. Telepad is available for under £2,000.

UK Events

Northern Computer Fair, Belle Vue, Manchester, November 24-26, BBC Micro User Show, Westminster Exhibition Centre, December 9-11, Office Automation - the Challenge to the DP Manager, Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, W.1., December 15

Your Computer Christmas Fair, Wembley Conference Centre, December 15-18, Which Computer? Show, NEC, Birmingham, January 17-20, Northern Home Entertainment, Excelsior Hotel, Manchester Airport, January 19-22, Acorn Education Exhibition, Central Hall, Westminster, January 25-27

Overseas Events

Gulf Computer Exhibition, Dubai, November 21-24, Computer Indonesia, Jakarta, November 22-25, Computer Dealers' Exhibition, November 28-December 2

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Eighth competition prize winners

A prize for the two Andrews

Two boys, aged 12 and 15, are the winners of The Times Classroom Computer eighth competition. They are Andrew Hartley of Abington High School, Wigston Magna, Leicester and Andrew Hughes of Eitham College, Nottingham, London SE9.

The winning decision was made by a tie-break question.

The answers were 1) A; 2) C; 3) B; 4) C; 5) A.

The winners will both receive an Atari 600XL computer for their schools, and a personal gift of The Times Atlas of World History.

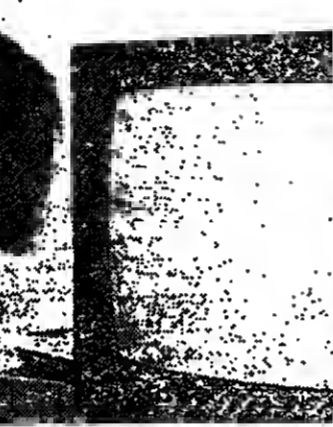
The eight runners-up are:

Chris Jones, South Warwickshire College of Further Education, Stratford-on-Avon; Robert Moore, Hethersett High School, Norwich; Rupert Curwen, Park High School, Stanmore, Middlesex; Mark Langrish, High Storrs School, High Storrs, Sheffield; David Gough-Cooper, Dunscore Primary School, Dunscore, Dumfriesshire, Scotland; Julian Foad, Farnham Common Middle School, Farnham Common, Bucks; Myfanwy School, Monmouth, Gwent; Wales; Michael Borchers, Northfield Manor School, Birmingham. Each will receive a Times Atlas.

Andrew Hughes, 15, uses his father's computer. "He has a TruScan S 100. My father is interested in micro electronics, and he designed computers as a hobby. I was interested too, and we talked about it. I took it up for a bit at school, but in the fifth year we have to make a choice between physics and computers and I chose physics." Andrew hopes to make a career in the RAF.



Andrew Hartley is not yet on a computer course, because he is 12, and they don't start them until they are 13. He has a computer at home, which belongs to his family, and has been "playing around with it for the past four months". He has been playing games on it, and has done one program for a friend's firm, a simple one for logging orders which come in. He would like to take up working with computers, but it depends on whether he is among the 12 top maths



students in his year. John Hornsby, who is in charge of computer studies at Abington High School, points out that this is the second computer the school has won in The Times competition. The school's first computer was bought as a teacher aid about 18 months ago - he tries to give everyone a "hands on" experience, but it is only when pupils reach third year that they get the opportunity to work with them. The school now has five computers.

THE TIMES

Classroom computer competition

Here is the eleventh of our 12 weekly Classroom Computer competitions for young people up to 18 years old. There are two age groups - up to 15 and 15 to 18 inclusive. Entries are individual efforts but because we are keen that schools should become involved, the main prize - two Atari 600XL computers a week, one for each age group - will be presented to the school of the winner's choice. In addition, 10 copies of The Times Atlas of World History, five in each age group, will be awarded each week to individual entrants, including the winners of the school computers.

The competition is simple to enter. Cut out the entry form each week and collect the entry tokens from the back page of The Times (you will find it at the foot of The Times Information Service) on the five following publication days - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday - and stick them on the form. Those who entered last week should be sure that

entries are posted to arrive by first post each week. These will not require the use of a computer but may require a certain amount of research. There is a tie-breaking question to answer which will test the ingenuity and imagination of contestants and enable the panel of judges to decide the winners. Every week is a new contest, so missing one week will not spoil your chances.

There are five questions on computers to answer with a different theme



The Prizes

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TIMES COMPETITION No 11 History 2

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Closing date for entries - 1st post Friday, December 2.

- Ada Lovelace was:
 - A the world's first programmer
 - B inventor of the FORTRAN language
 - C a film star
- Chuck Peddle helped develop the:
 - A Apple II
 - B PET
 - C Atari 400
- Napier developed:
 - A BASIC
 - B logarithms
 - C binary arithmetic
- Turing:
 - A showed that logical machines could do arithmetic
 - B developed ASCII
 - C invented the Winchester disc
- Shannon invented:
 - A the bit
 - B the transistor
 - C the dot matrix printer

Tie-breaker

Imagine you have to design an exhibit for the Science Museum illustrating the developments in computing during the past 50 years. List briefly the three most important exhibits that you would include.

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- The prizes will be divided and awarded equally between the two age groups - up to 15 years and 15-18 years as at date of entry.
- Those entries with all factual questions answered correctly will be judged first. The entry which in the opinion of the judges gives the most apt and imaginative answer to the tie-breaker question will win a Computer for the School of Choice, nominated, and a personal prize of an Atlas.
- Other entries with all correct answers and judged to have submitted the best answers to the tie-breaker will win a personal prize of an Atlas.
- Those entries with less than all correct answers will be judged in

order, in the event that not enough all-correct entries qualify.

5. If identical entries are judged to have won, the entrants may be asked to submit to a further similar competition.

Rules

- All entries must be made via the official entry form as printed in The Times. No photocopies will be accepted. Several entries from the same school may be posted together.
- Each individual entry must be accompanied by the required number of computer symbols as printed in The Times relevant to that week's competition.
- All entries must be made clearly in ink. Incomplete, illegible, spilt or late entries will be rejected as will those without a nomination.

- You must be under 19 years of age and be a full-time student of the school or college nominated at the time of entry.
- Names of all winners will be published in The Times not later than 2 weeks after closing date. All entries become the sole property and copyright of The Times. Prizes will be despatched to the School.
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Encotel Systems had Televideo's Supermouse on special offer at £99. The Supermouse was making its UK debut, together with Televideo's first portable micro: one of the first 8-bit portables to be used for networking.

Several other machines were also making their first public appearances at Compec. Digital Equipment revealed the Micro-Vax, a micro with the power of a 32-bit "supermini", and promised a VAX on a chip by the end of the year.

Astoo Technology's Crystal 68000 was also on show, running under its five alternative operating systems. These include the almost obligatory Unix, Digital Research's CP/M, MP/SL's BOS and the increasingly popular Pk. Backed by Birmingham City Council, Aston University and Lloyds Bank, Aston Technology has already signed contracts with dealers worth more than £1 million, and is delivering Crystal systems worth £100,000 this month.

For those who prefer to carry their computer around with them, Ministry of Defence supplier Husky Computers was showing a machine claimed to be the "world's toughest, smallest, large memory portable". Priced at £997 for 80Kbytes of memory, the Husky Hunter is compatible with CP/M and can run standard commercial software.

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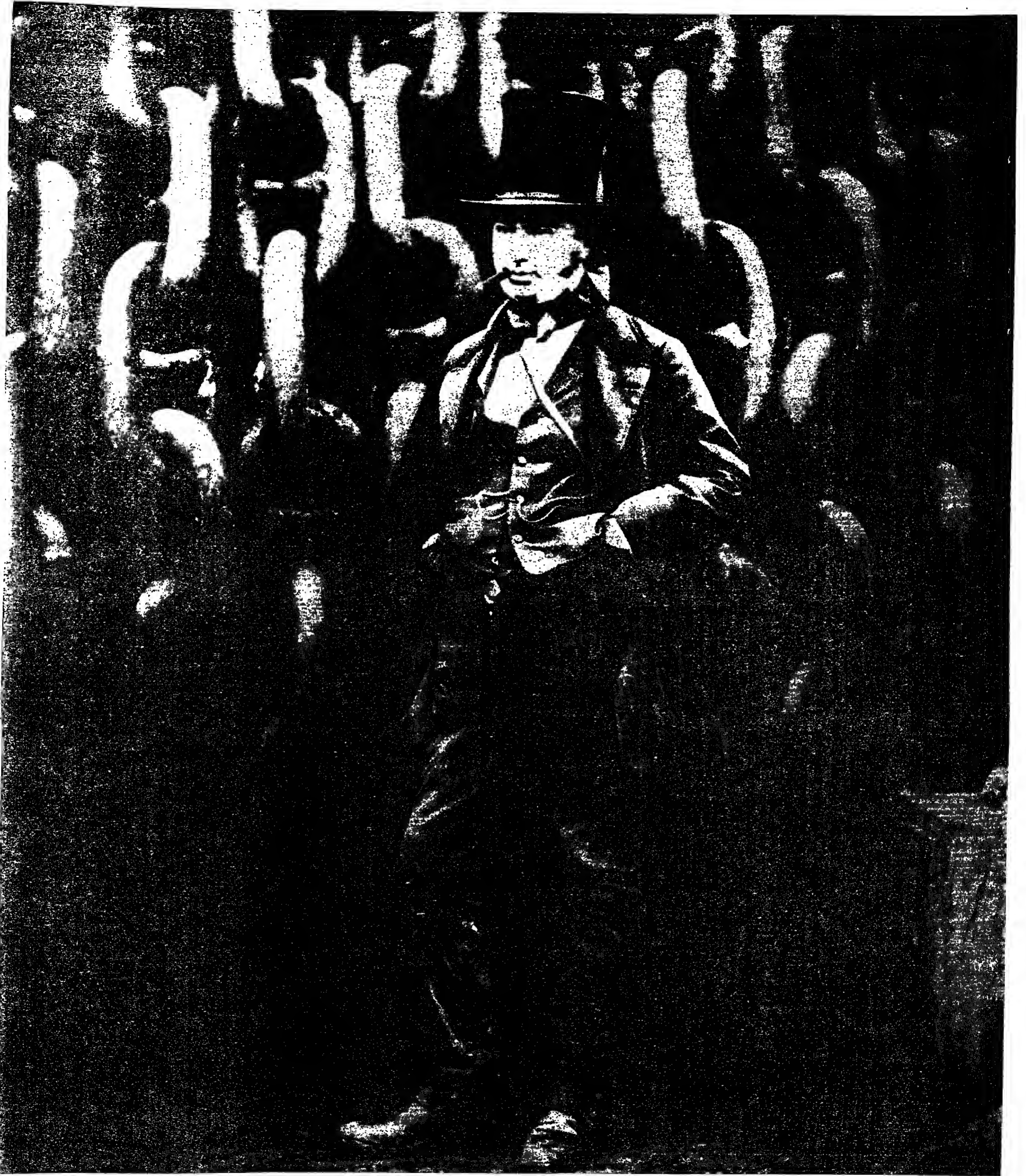
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You would probably know before I did.

At last night's close the group was valued at about £37m, with

account on a subdued note with the FT Index closing at its low for the day 2.6 down at 718.8.

Dealers reported good two-way trade at these levels on hopes of some renewed activity in the equity market after last week's optimism from the Chancellor on the economic recovery.

But the announcement of a new "tap" £500m of Exchequer 2½ per cent 1986 at a minimum tender price of £84.50 caught the market by surprise. Nevertheless, the longer end of the market still managed to hold on to gains of up to 50p in moderate trade.

Shares of P & O Deferred slipped below the water line, sinking 7p to 249½ as suggestions that the company might decide to withdraw its bid even if the Monopolies and Mergers Commission gives the go-ahead before Christmas.

However, these suggestions were being dismissed by observers last night.

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The recent surge of activity in shares of Gestetner Holdings, the troubled photocopier group amounts to a mystery as to the reason. Yesterday, the price rose a further 3p to 61p - just 9p short of the year's high - on hopes of a bid from across the Atlantic.

Last month the shares slumped to a mere 36p as de Zoete & Bevan, the stockbroker, became fearful of problems in the US and downgraded their full year's estimate from pretax profits of £5m to £4m.

Last year Gestetner made a loss of £3m. Other brokers are taking a more optimistic line, including Scott Giff Hancock which upgraded its profits forecast.

But owing to the complicated share structure with the Gestetner family owning the bulk of the all-important voting shares, any bid would have to be agreed.

Mr David Gestetner, chairman, was abroad yesterday and unavailable for comment, but another director Mr Jonathan Gestetner was mystified by the sudden popularity of the shares and unaware of any bid from the US. He said: "who knows?"

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Allianz is expected to announce details of an increase in its 500p per share offer today. Yesterday the company's merchant bank advisers, Morgan Grenfell, promised a statement this week.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Akroyd and Warburg lead the City revolution

It was fortuitous that the Stock Exchange Council decided to examine Mercury Securities' plans to acquire 29.9 per cent of the number two stockbroker Akroyd & Smithers with a fine tooth-comb. That delayed the announcement of terms until yesterday, the eve of the full-dress House of Commons debate on the bill to exempt the Stock Exchange from the restrictive practices law.

It confirms a remarkable feature of the deal cooked up between the Exchange and the Government. Since then, the value of leading Stock Exchange firms has soared far above their valuation in the old protected atmosphere as outsiders queue to take part in the complete restructuring of the financial services industry that is already well in train.

The Akroyd deal is quite complex. Mercury will be paying £21m in cash for new shares plus another £21m in convertible loan stock which will entitle Akroyd to 8 per cent of Mercury Securities. The deal almost doubles Akroyd's net worth to £83m showing that it is geared to expand dealing.

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cury's S. G. Warburg, which already has a big dealing business in Eurobonds.

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Private roads cul-de-sac

Privatization is the best way of dealing with the alleged shortfall in public investment, according to Mr Peter Rees, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, in last week's debate on economic recovery organized by *The Times* and Coopers & Lybrand.

But the only case where private financing of national projects has been explored in detail, in road building, the result seems to be a non-starter.

Unless Whitehall thinking is forced dramatically off its present direction by a political decision, the prospect of large-scale private financing of roadbuilding in Britain seems to have been put off indefinitely.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Transport Secretary, is expected to deliver his final verdict on the subject by the end of the year. He might still give the go-ahead for a pilot scheme to test some of the bolder claims about private financing. But even that is looking increasingly unlikely.

This is bad news for Tarmac, which originated the idea and for Charterhouse Japhet, the merchant bank employed by the transport department to report on the feasibility of City finance for roadbuilding. Charterhouse has been thinking in terms of the City providing £100m to

£200m on top of the Government's £600m annual budget for roads. This support operation would have been administered through a national road fund to which contractors would tender for individual projects. As in the original scheme put forward by Tarmac, National Westminster Bank and Saturn Management to build the Black Country Route in the West Midlands, investors would get their return via a shadow toll - a royalty paid by the Government, based on use of the road.

But the economic effect of this, the Treasury has argued, is little different from the public sector financing roadbuilding in the usual way. This would be the case whether or not the Government guaranteed the funds, as the private builders would like they cannot actually own the road. Since the private sector finds it more expensive to borrow than the Government, it would ultimately cost more, even though it would push government spending into the future.

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Mirror group urged to sell Scots papers separately

By Michael Prest

Read International yesterday ran into further opposition to its plan to sell Mirror Group Newspapers (MGN) as one unit when employers and managers at the *Daily Record* and *Sunday Mail*, the group's Scottish titles, they will launch a campaign today to persuade the company to let Scottish institutions buy the two papers.

But union representatives at the *Daily Record* and *Sunday Mail*, embracing more than 800 of the workforce of 1,000, failed in a two-and-a-half hour meeting yesterday to persuade Sir Alex Jarrett, chairman of MGN, to allow a separate sale of the newspapers.

Mr Harry Templeton, deputy leader of the union side said that Sir Alex had declined to provide the financial information necessary for potential Scottish investors to judge the potential of the two newspapers as a separate company.

The controversial plan to float off MGN from Reed was announced in October. MGN's six titles include the *Daily Mirror*, the *Sunday Mirror*, the *Sunday People*, and *Sporting Life*, as well as the Scottish publications.

The group also holds 7.8 per cent of Reuters, itself a big attraction because of the long-awaited floatation which could



Jarrett (left) and Thornton: firm line

value the company at £1,000m. In the last financial year, MGN made pretax profits of £8.1m on a turnover of £25m. Reed as a whole made pretax profits of £39.2m on a turnover of £719m for the half year to October. Reed has long felt that MGN does not earn sufficient return, and according to City calculations it could sell MGN for £100m.

But the Scottish employees argue that the *Daily Record*, Scotland's biggest selling daily newspaper with a circulation of 743,000 and the *Sunday Mail*, circulation 802,000, are the most profitable part of MGN.

They made pretax profits of £3.5m on sales of £42m last year.

Mr Harry Conroy, a member of the Scottish delegation to Reed International yesterday, said that Parsons & Co., a leading Scottish stockbroking firm, had expressed interest in advising the paper's employees on the feasibility of a separate sale. Several big Scottish institutions were also interested.

But at the meeting, which was also attended by Mr Clive Thornton, the present chief general manager of the Abbey National who is to become chairman of the independent MGN, Sir Alex said it was

pointless to provide financial information because he had no intention of selling separate parts of the company.

While the sale is an important change of direction for Reed, which has just emerged from a long struggle to restore its paper making activities to profitability, it has provoked alarm within the Labour Party and trade union movement because the *Daily Mirror* is the only Fleet Street daily to have consistently supported the Labour Party.

Mr Templeton said one reason for seeking a separate sale of the Scottish titles was to preserve their independence. "We reckon that would give us a better chance of fighting off a predator," he said.

The workers believe that the sale of MGN will have to be completed by March. Assessors have already inspected the Glasgow offices of the *Daily Record* and *Sunday Mail*.

MGN, however, has already turned down a request for a management buyout in which the National Union of Journalists was involved. Nevertheless, the Scottish workers hope that their campaign, which will be discussed at a mass meeting in Glasgow today, will put pressure on MGN by unsettling the share price. Reed International's shares fell 2p

New £500m tap stock

The Government has again used the firmness of the gilt-edged market to boost its coffers. Yesterday, it announced a new short "tap" of £500m of Exchange, 2½ per cent, 1986, at a minimum tender price of £84.50.

This latest cash-raising exercise failed to dampen the rest of the gilt market, which held on to the majority of gains, extending to 50p in places.

But the equity market remained undecided over the course of the economy.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 718.8 down 0.6
FT Gilt: 83.25 down 0.10
FT All Share: 451.95 down 0.23

Bargains: 20.60
Basket: 84.95 down 0.1
New York: Dow Jones
Average: (latest) 1259.25 up 8.23

Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones
Index: 9,409.78 up 21.95

Hongkong: Hang Seng
Index: 837.18 down 29.31

Amsterdam: 148.6 up 0.2
Sydney: AO Index: 718.1 up 3.2

Frankfurt: Commerzbank
Index: 999.5 down 9.8

Paris: General Index
128.38 down 0.53

Paris: CAC Index: 144.8 unchanged

Zurich: SKA General: 294.9 down 0.2

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE

Sterling
\$1.4640 down 60pts
Index: 83.6 unchanged
DM: 3.96 down 0.0125
FF: 12.0375 down 0.0675
Yen: 344.75 down 2.25

Dollar
Index: 128.8 up 0.1
DM: 2.7060

NEW YORK LATEST

Sterling: \$1.4680
Dollar: DM 2.6980

INTERNATIONAL

ECU: 5.70122
SDRE: 70.9926

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rate: 9
Finance houses base rate: 10
Discount market loans week fixed: 9-9½
3 month interbank: 9¼-9½

Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar: 9¼-9½
3 month DM: 6¼-6½
3 month Fr: 13¼-13

US rates:
Bank prime rate: 11.00
Fed funds: 3/8
Treasury long bond: 10¼-10½

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV
Average reference rate for interest period October 5 to November 1, 1983 inclusive: 9.393 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
an: \$374.75m \$374.25
close: \$374.50 (\$265.25)
New York (per coin): \$375.25
Kruggaram (per coin): \$385.50-386.50 (\$262.50-263.25)
Sovereigns (new): \$87.75-88.75 (\$29.75-30.50)
Excludes VAT

OECD 'doubts' on Lawson

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

Mr Nigel Lawson's optimism on the likely growth of the British economy next year is not shared by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development whose forecasts due next month have been leaked to a Japanese newspaper.

The OECD is said to be predicting 2 per cent growth in 1984 and the first half of 1985 after 2.5 per cent this year. This compares with the Treasury forecast last week that the economy would expand by 3 per cent this year and next,

which is rather more than most outside economists expect.

The OECD, whose forecasts are prepared in consultation with national governments, has apparently become more hopeful about Britain's growth rate in 1983 than it was in the summer. Then it was predicting an increase in national output of 1.75 per cent. But it has revised downwards its forecast for 1984, from 2.25 to 2 per cent, when the British Government has been adjusting its own predictions upwards.

An OECD spokesman said last night that the forecasts were still in the process of revision. He would not comment on the accuracy of the figures quoted.

The performance of the Western industrial nations as a group has been better than expected this year, the draft OECD report suggests, with general growth of 2.3 per cent against 2 per cent predicted in July. The American, Japanese, German and British economies are all expanding more rapidly than then seemed likely.

Laundry stake for developer

By Jonathan Clare

Mr Boris "Bobby" Marmor, the controversial entrepreneur who cut a dash in the heavy property market of the early 1970s, emerged yesterday as the owner of a half share in a near 30 per cent stake in the public quoted Wolverhampton Steam Laundry.

Mr Marmor and Mr Cecil Rosen, said to be involved in property development, will own 29.14 per cent of the laundry equally. General & Overseas Trust, acting on their behalf, has contracted to buy 381,500 shares from Oyston Estate Agency.

The agency is controlled by Mr Owen Oyston, a Blackpool builder and developer, who also has a big stake in Red Rose Radio, the new commercial station for Preston, Lancashire.

The news of the joint stake sent Wolverhampton Steam Laundry's shares up from 54p to 90p, increasing the value of Marmor-Rosen investment by £100,000 to more than £300,000 almost instantly.

Mr Marmor once controlled Scotia Investments before leaving to concentrate on Westmoreland Properties where he was chairman.

None of Wolverhampton Steam Laundry's directors was available yesterday and there is no indication whether the two want a seat on the board or intend to bid. Wolverhampton Steam Laundry has a long history but is currently controlled by Mr Bill Hershman and Mr J. A. Tongue who own about 35 per cent of the shares.

The former chairman, Mr John Nash, of Nash Industries and the Reliant car group, resigned two years ago after shareholders voted Mr Hershman, now chairman, and Mr Tongue on to the board against his advice.

Spending boom lifts Comet by 165%

By Andrew Cornelius

Comet Group
Year to 28.8.83
Pretax profit: £19.5m (£7.4m)
Stated earnings: 39.1p (17p)
Turnover: £335m (£253m)
Net dividend: 5.7p (4.4p)
Share price: 320p down 1p

Comet Group, the cut-price electrical retailer, benefited from the surge consumer spending over the past year to produce record pretax profits of £19.5m for the 12 months to August 28.

The 165 per cent rise in profits compared with the previous year was achieved on sales which grew by 32 per cent to £335m. Demand in the first half of the year was helped by the easing of hire purchase controls last year, but sales of colour television sets and video recorders remained steady.

The growth pattern has continued into the first three months of the current financial year, but a cautious statement on prospects from Mr Michael Hollingbery, chairman, was enough to send down the share price by 1p to 320p on news of the results.

He said that although the group's cash position remains strong, with a net balance of £22m, trading margins have been shaved by higher costs and tougher price negotiating by suppliers.

Shareholders who have remained with the group during the recent years of dramatic growth are rewarded by a one-for-one scrip issue to mark Comet's 50th anniversary.

The board has also recommended an increased final dividend of 5.7p, making a total of 5.7p net for the year, against 4.4p last year.

Comet is opening three more stores before Christmas, bringing the total to 169 stores throughout the country, which take 10 per cent of the market for electrical goods. The continuing relocation away from high street sites to larger units with car parking will help the group's growth and put pressure on Currys, its main rival.



Michael Hollingbery: cautious pushes share price down

The expansion of photographic equipment sales and the home improvement division should also aid growth. Six stores have been converted to the new Jupiter Homeart format, which has proved successful in breaking into the top end of the do-it-yourself market. A further six stores are planned before the spring.

In addition nine experimental First Avenue fitted kitchen shops have been opened in Scotland supplied by Comet's Ideal Timber factory in Clydebank. Plans to enter the business computer market have been shelved for the time being.

Mr Hollingbery said that the non-electrical divisions will make an increasing contribution to growth in the future years. He was confident that retail demand would remain strong this year as long as real earnings continue to stay ahead of inflation.

London's new futures market in crude oil opened yesterday with 224,000 barrels being traded - the equivalent of about one-tenth of Britain's daily output. The day's business was worth \$6.34m.

WALL STREET

'Ma Bell' dominates

New York (Reuters) - Trading in the stripped-down American Telephone and Telegraph and its seven regional telephone companies dominated activity on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday as prices moved higher. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose by 8.23 to 1259.25 in early trading.

Mr Larry Wachtel of Prudential-Bache Securities said the opening prices of the new telephone companies were below expectations, particularly those of Nynex Corp and Bell Atlantic. He said: "Both appear to be undervalued."

The original AT&T was unchanged at 62¼, with the new AT&T (when issued) minus seven regional companies, which opened at 19 and later dipped to 18¼.

The dollar continued its surge against the rest of the world's currencies yesterday, as foreign exchange dealers seemed sure that US interest rates would be forced higher. Sterling, down two cents last week, dropped another 70 points yesterday to \$1.4640.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Option for Rothschild consortium

A three-man consortium, which includes Mr Jacob Rothschild, has been given the option to buy a 14.99 per cent stake in Trust Securities Holdings, the property group which this year made an unsuccessful £109m bid for the Percy Bilton group.

The other members of the consortium are Mr Stuart Lipton, who yesterday announced his resignation as a director of Greycoat City Offices, and Mr Elliott Bernard, a senior partner of Michael Laurie & Partners, the West End estate agent.

MEK Electric Group has announced a rise of 36 per cent in pre-tax profits from £5.6m to £7.6m for the half year to the end of September.

Investors' Notebook, page 20

Initial Services, the cleaning group, raised pretax profits for the six months to the end of September by 10.6 per cent to £13.6m. Investors' Notebook, page 20

Hambros said that its operating profits for the first half of the year were above those of the same period last year. The interim dividend was unchanged. Investors' Notebook, page 20

Industrie Zamsel, Europe's largest maker of domestic electrical appliances, will lose between £40 billion lire (£58m) and £50 billion lire this year, its chairman said in Italy. But he added that a recovery plan was being implemented.

A Group of West German banks has agreed to grant Wabag, one of the troubled construction equipment groups with which Babcock International of Britain is involved, a DM 3m (£750,000) credit staying off the immediate threat of bankruptcy.

British skills to help Japan search for oil

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Howard Doris, the Scottish-based offshore construction company, has signed a seven-year agreement to export its technical expertise to Japan.

The deal with the Toa Harbor Works company of Tokyo should ensure British engineering participation in the exploitation of oil fields in the Beaufort Sea off Alaska.

Initially, the project involves the placing of concrete and steel gravity structures in the Beaufort Sea to form the outer skin of concrete and gravel islands through which oil wells will be drilled.

In the longer term, Doris, operating from its Kishorn Yard on the Clyde will be involved with the Japanese in marketing their products to the major multinational oil companies with interests in the Arctic.

Mr Jack Bruce, Doris business development manager, said yesterday: "Recently our own state-controlled shipbuilding industry has turned to Japan for help, yet here we are in exactly the reverse situation."

With the completion of its contract for Phillips for the Maureen oil field in the North Sea, Doris has recently demonstrated the success of its method of manufacturing the decks of offshore platforms on land and mating them with subsea structures. Now it hopes to sell the concept to other oil companies.

Mr Albert Granville, Doris chairman and managing director, called on other industries to adopt new practices. He attacked government support for the older ailing industries such as British Shipbuilders and other nationalized sectors.

European Community officials fear that a three-year carbon steel pact with the US may fall apart because of new efforts by American companies to negotiate even greater restraints on imports.

Mr David Roderick, chairman of US Steel, has said that it was only a matter of time before his industry filed a global import release suit under section 201 of US trade laws which would effect imports not only from the Third World, but Europe as well.

The intention of the suit, which would be joined by Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Inland Steel Corporation and others, would be to limit sharply imports of basic and

EEC fears end to the three-year deal on import restraint

US threat to pact on steel

From Bailey Morris, Washington

new import relief cases would be brought for the duration of the three-year pact which expires on December 2, 1985.

European imports, under the three-year agreement with the Community, are at present restricted to an average of 5.46 per cent of the US market for 10 different categories of carbon and basic steel.

The average encompasses a wide range from about 2.2 per cent of the US market for tinplate products up to 21.85 per cent for sheet products.

American steelmakers claimed that the domestic industry continued to suffer severe injury from unfairly-priced imports which should be curtailed with the establishment of mandatory quotas for each country.

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carbon steel to about 15 per cent of the US market, down substantially from the present 20 per cent level.

The threat of new US trade suits and restrictive legislation comes as the Community attempts to establish controversial emergency price measures to stabilize its own depressed market.

Community officials have raised their concerns with the Reagan Administration over the threat by US Steel Corporation and others to file a new trade suit.

The filing of one of more suits by US companies would violate an understanding of the steel restraint agreement negotiated last year which said no

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Interim statement

SKF Group sales for the first nine months of 1983 rose 14% to 11,932 million Swedish kronor (10,505). Profit before exchange differences was 383 million kronor (502).

	Jan/Sept 1983	Jan/Sept 1982
Sales (MSkr)	11,932	10,505
Operating income before depreciation (MSkr)	1,015	1,147
Income before exchange differences (MSkr)	383	502
Capital expenditure (MSkr)	463	410
Average number of employees at work	43,050	48,144

Following a slow start to the year that held the sales increase for the first six months to 10 per cent, sales during the third quarter were up 23 per cent on the same three months of 1982.

Restrictive production measures helped improve the inventory/sales ratio to 43 per cent (48).

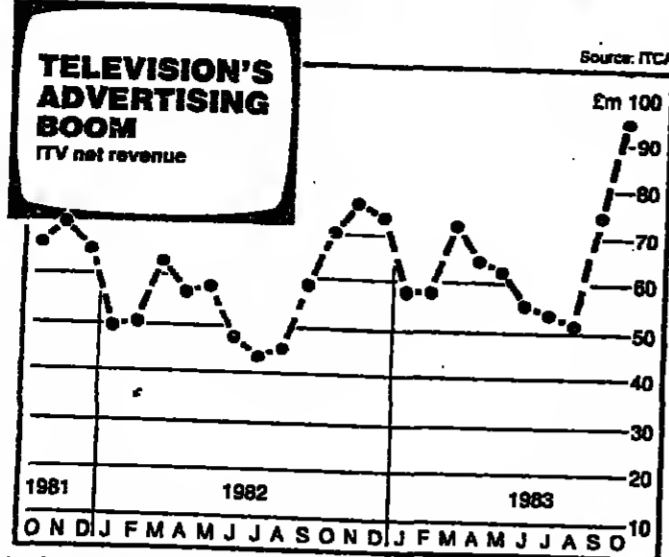
It is expected that the gradual improvement of the second and third quarters will continue, though not compensating fully for the weak start. Consequently, the Group's full-year profit is likely to fall short of the 1983 level.

Aktiebolaget SKF, S-415 50 Göteborg, Sweden.

Marketing and advertising: Torin Douglas

Will ITV become too costly?

The ITV companies, not for the first time, are enjoying a boom in advertising revenue.



at, say, 15 per cent - it seems not impossible to anticipate an inflation of 100 per cent in television costs by 1988, versus the 37 per cent we believe is the most the consumer will bear in our price increases.

"That's where the mathematicians begin to defeat us." The only solution for advertisers like Birds Eye Wall's, said Mr Jacobs, would be to turn to other media.

Mr Mike Samuel, advertising and marketing manager of J Sainsbury, revealed that while television had taken 78 per cent of the Sainsbury advertising budget in 1978-9, in the present year its share had already been cut back to 44 per cent.

The switch in the balance of Sainsbury's media budget, though prompted by the rise in the cost of television, was partly made for creative reasons. A number of other advertisers have taken inspiration from Sainsbury's pioneering work.

The sales departments of the non-television media have

accepted this message and they generally now attempt to persuade advertisers of the benefits of a mixed media schedule, instead of trying to meet television head-on.

This was graphically illustrated at the media course when advertisement directors and media managers were invited to pitch for an advertiser's budget, in this case, Butlin's London Weekend Television, Mirror Group Newspapers, Capital Radio, Television South, IPC Magazines, poster contractor Mills & Allen, the Regional Newspapers Advertising Bureau, TV-am, the Direct Mail Sales Bureau and Rank Screen Advertising all pitched for a share of the £2m budget and all took it for granted that a longest proportion of the expenditure would be put on television.

Butlin's with its customers firmly in the C1, C2 and socio-economic categories, is a natural for television. But more and more types of advertiser are now using television as a main medium, from computer companies and business couriers to prestige car companies and airlines.

Several advertisers have pulled out of some ITV areas and transferred the money in those regions to other media, often with surprisingly good results.

Jobs minefield for EEC

The EEC Commission stepping warily into a minefield, is asking Britain and nine other members to reduce and reorganize working time to create more jobs.

It also wants much stricter limits on systematic overtime and suggests extra time off, rather than money.

This, it suggests, should be done in such a way as to avoid increasing production costs. It should help bring about structural changes and greater competitiveness and further economic recovery, it says.

The proposals are now being mullied over by the governments before discussion in the EEC's Social Affairs Council, probable next month. They take the form of a recommendation or set of guidelines for governments, unions and employers.

The Commission has gone ahead with its proposals despite the failure of its own efforts to persuade the trade unions and employers to agree on the question at European level.

intellectual discussion. It sees this as the only short-term action which can be taken on a European level to reduce unemployment.

Despite widespread scepticism, several countries have already started in this direction. They include Belgium which is run by a centre-right government as well as socialist-governed France.

In Belgium the government has called for a 5 per cent reduction in working time with a 3 per cent increase in workforces, and collective agreements along these lines are now reported to cover the majority of workers. In most cases, however, the reductions in time have turned out to be less than 5 per cent.

The Belgians have also restricted overtime and the government claims that about 80,000 jobs will either have been saved or created by the new year.

In France the government has brought the legal working week down to a standard 39 hours with five weeks holiday. A number of companies in organizations have "solidarity contracts" in which new jobs are created with earlier retirement, shorter working time and reduced social charges.

The government claims that 70,000 jobs have been saved in industry and the services, but employers contest this figure. The Netherlands has a national agreement which provides for a 10 per cent reduction in working time over

the next four years in all areas, on condition that the overall labour costs do not increase.

In Italy, unions and employers have reached an agreement which provides for a cut of 20 hours from the total annual working hours during the second half of next year and a further 20-hour reduction in the first half of 1985.

British employers think the idea is unrealistic. A confederation of British Industry, spokesman said: "It is based on an assumption you could reduce hours without reducing pay and still create jobs."

The TUC's enthusiasm for negotiated reductions in working hours, and particularly cuts in overtime, is accompanied by concern that workers should not lose financially.

It is anxious about high overtime workers, many of whom are on low pay scales, and says that in such cases reductions in hours should be phased in with increases in basic pay.

The Government's attitude is one of considerable scepticism. Above all it believes such matters are best hammered out between employers and workers alone.

The Department of Employment says it would have to be convinced that the Commission's approach would increase both employment and competitiveness. Patricia Clough

The underlying reason for the increase, however, is the rise in demand for television time, particularly from companies in fields that traditionally have not advertised on television, such as finance and office equipment.

The supply of "real" airtime is virtually static. The number of minutes available has been increased by 60 per cent since Channel 4 came on the air, but the audience available to advertisers has risen by far less.

So any increase in demand produces increases both in the price of time and in ITV revenue.

Falls in audience ratings - a problem ITV appears to have overcome this autumn, but which caused anguish a year ago - simply aggravates the problem, by further increasing the cost to an advertiser of reaching each viewer.

Welcome as the boom must be to ITV and its shareholders - though you might not know it, so loud has been the bleating about the cost of Channel 4 - the increasing cost and dominance of television advertising is causing great problems both to advertisers and to the rival media, such as the press, radio and poster companies.

Many advertisers are finding they cannot afford the increases television is asking while the other media are realizing that

the best way to compete is by accepting that most advertisers want to use television and persuading them to make the money go further by putting a proportion of their budget into other media.

The issues were aired last week at a media course for executives in advertising agencies, client companies and the media, organized by the Communication Advertising and Marketing (CAM) Foundation.

Mr Keith Jacobs, marketing director of Birds Eye Wall's, explained the advertisers' dilemma: "We know television works for us, particularly for long-run campaigns, which is why this year we have 80 per cent of our theme investment in television. It does a splendid job for us."

"But what happens in 1988, with television costs at twice their present level, a prospect that at present rates of increase seems not impossible? My company has just prepared a long-term plan and two of the key elements in this plan are, of course, pricing and the marketing appropriation.

"On price, we believe that we shall not be able to charge at a rate higher than the retail price index for food - say about 6.5 per cent a year. On that basis, our maximum cost and price

inflation level in 1988 will increase by 37 per cent. On the marketing appropriation, we do not see that it can inflate in real terms at a level higher than all our other costs and our capacity to charge the consumer more. And that is where television costs come in.

"In January, 1983, when we did the plan, the cost per thousand households was 21 per cent over January, 1982, to which 5 per cent audience decline had contributed. Assuming some softening in that horrendous rate, as indeed there has been, but extending the likely trend over the next few years - with costs increasing

Liberty chairman named

Liberty: Mr H. Wehlin will succeed Mr D. E. Pike as chairman on Mr Pike's retirement next August. Mr R. Walker will become deputy chairman. Mr Pike will remain a director.

GKN: Mr Frank Winter will be chief executive of the special steels division and managing director of Brynmawr Steel Works from January 1. Mr Brian Insh, a GKN corporate management director, will also become chairman of Brymbo.

American Express Europe: Mr Christopher Rodriguez has become divisional vice-president, marketing and sales, Europe, Middle East and Africa.

Glass Manufacturers' Federation: Mr John Small, group managing director of United Glass Holdings, has been elected president for two years from January 1.

APPOINTMENTS

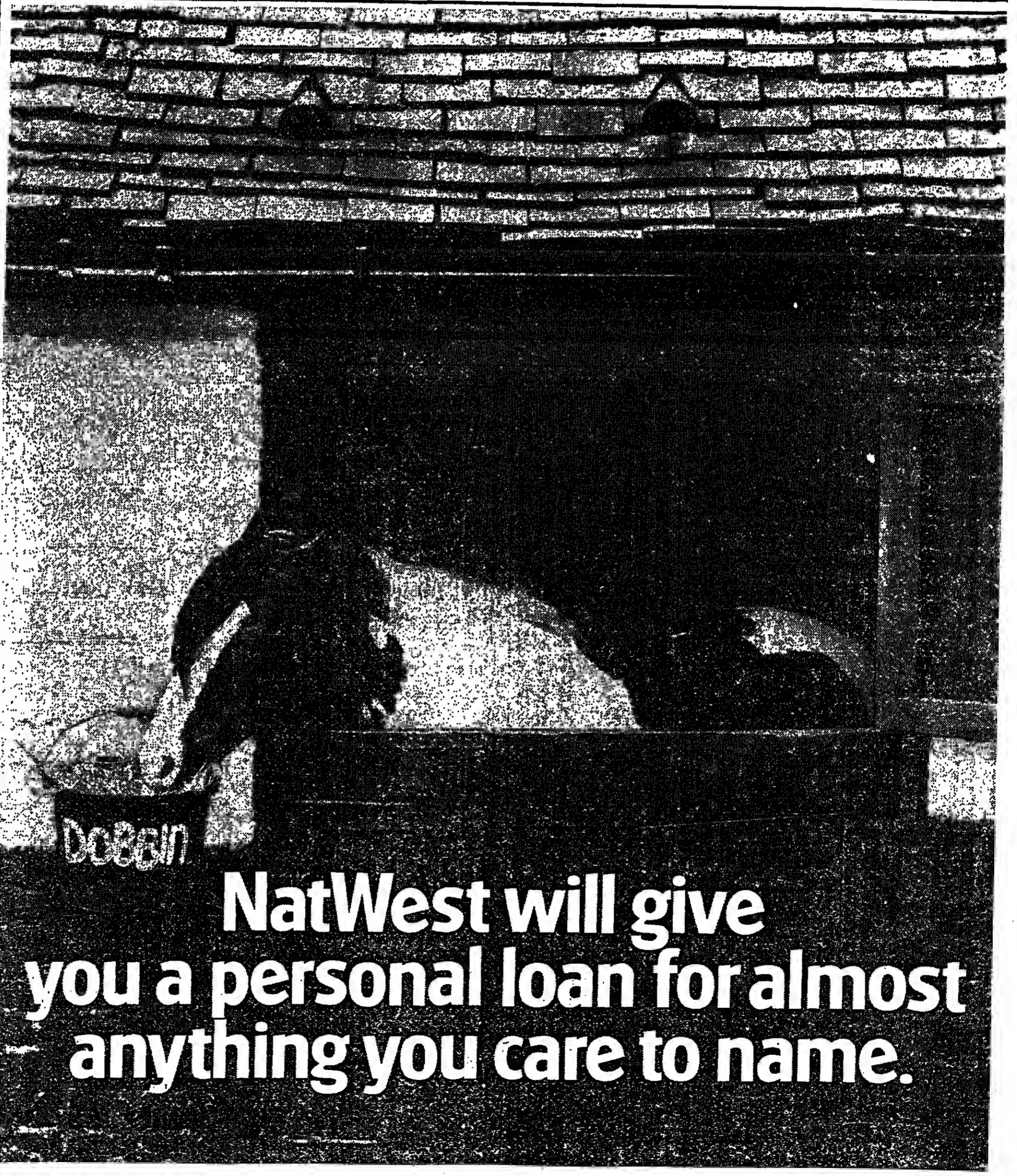
Hick Hargreaves: Mr K. B. Roberts has been elected a director.

Hingia Group: Mr Michael Shanks has been appointed chairman, Mr Leslie Coulthard deputy chairman and Mr Nick Dow a director.

James Carmichael (Contractors): Mr Derek Mottram has become managing director.

Forward Trust Group: Mr W. G. W. Stein has been appointed senior manager of the central management office at group headquarters. Mr J. Hastie has become senior manager, Fixed Asset Finance at the group's Birmingham Business Centre and Mr Andrew Fisher has been appointed regional manager, Industrial Sales and Marketing for Scotland.

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BOXING

Sibson's party begins to look a little meagre

By Srikanth Sen, Boxing Correspondent. The homecoming feast for Tony Sibson fans after his exciting victory in Atlantic City looks like being somewhat thin...

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Sibson: new opponent

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RUUGY LEAGUE

Widnes favoured by draw but Cardiff curse their luck

The fates seem to be conspiring with Widnes to provide another piece of silverware for an already glittering sideboard. Widnes were yesterday drawn at home to the homecoming Wigan in the quarter-finals of the John Player Trophy...

Queen of the links

Jane Thornhill, aged 41, has been named Avon Watches British women's golfer of the year for 1983.

ICE HOCKEY

Surfacing with treasure from the depths

The Dundee Rockets are the pearl-divers of the British League. Just when you think they must be dropping down there, they come up with the valuable haul of a 1-0 victory over the Hammers...

CRICKET

Pakistan hold off NSW for draw

Sydney (Reuters) - Mudasar Nazir's third century of the tour helped Pakistan to stave off the embarrassment of a defeat by New South Wales just four days before the second Test match against Australia.

IN BRIEF

Decision on Lynch today

Surrey batsman Monty Lynch will today if he has a future with the county. It has been placed in jeopardy by a ruling from the Test and County Cricket Board...

The richer Richardson

Kolhapur (Reuters) - Richie Richardson made the most of his chance to impress the West Indian selectors on the final day of the three-day match against West Zone yesterday. He was top scorer in the first innings with 77 and struck a century in his second innings...

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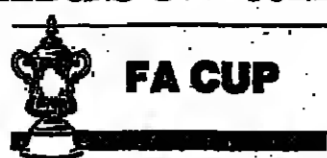
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FOOTBALL: CUP CHALLENGE FOR THE BIG GUNS OF EUROPE AND THE NON-LEAGUE HOPEFULS

Glittering prize brings a ground dilemma for Windsor and Eton

Windsor and Eton were yesterday handed the biggest match in their 81-year history when they were drawn at home to Bournemouth in the second round of the FA Cup.



FA CUP

Second round draw

Rotherham United v Hartlepool v Hull; Macclesfield Town v York City v Rochdale; Darlington v Altrincham; Northwich Victoria v Bangor City v Blackpool.

Isthmian League second division, they are currently challenging for promotion from the first. Their success in this season has coincided with the management of Geoff Chapple, a former Isthmian and Southern League player, and his assistant, Alf Cotton, who is also coach of the Army side.

No TV for semi-finals

Neither of this season's FA Cup semi-finals will be televised live, but there will be live coverage of one match in each of rounds three, four, five and six.

Watford, who may well find they have caught a Tartar in Spurs Prague, their UEFA Cup opponents tomorrow, are one of the selected enfants terribles of Czechoslovak football. The third round of the cup brings the skilled midfielder Jao Berger and the dashing young forward Tomas Skuhravsky to Watford.

Results from the European leagues

ALBANIAN: Vllaznia 1, Partizani 0; Besa 1, Dinamo 0; Flamurtari 1, Partizani 0; Partizani 1, Flamurtari 0; Partizani 1, Flamurtari 0.

Nothing dud about these Czechs

by the vice-president, Frison, for his alleged connexion with fixed odds betting. The car was thus put among the pigeons again.



World Football Brian Gianville

And now, Puricelli has cast doubt on last season's golden dream between Inter and Ascoli. The Italian FA have started an investigation.

Meanwhile Inter, are tomorrow night in Austria, with the UEFA Cup, in the next round of the UEFA Cup, not knowing what will happen even if they win. A far cry from the days when they twice won the European Cup under the darkest of clouds, the most prevalent of suspicions - 1964 and 1965 - without UEFA lifting a finger.

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about the attempt to corrupt the referee, Lobo, before the Portugal v Czech match, which was the widest stretch of imagination by any agent - the factual inconsistency of UEFA's approach becomes clearer. But this time, at least, the Italian sporting press has not tried to hush things up as they did in 1973 over the Lobo case.

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Steve Cram and Jo Durie scored comfortable victories in their respective pools, but the most overwhelming triumph went to Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean whose third successive team-of-the-year award it was.

Cram, who had 235 points, rounded off a triumphant season by setting the 1983 world best time for 300 metres, runner-up was Daley Colquhoun with 185 points.

Miss Durie who had 181 points, won by a margin of 46 points. The Bristol player reached the semi-finals of the French and US Open championships and the final of the Dutchman challenge tournament, and a Virginia Slims event in America.

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Watford splash out again

Dave Bardsley, the Blackpool right back expected to sign for Watford tomorrow, Watford, who spent £200,000 on the Parrick forward Maurice Johnston last week, will pay nearly £150,000 for the 19-year-old defender, who has played 49 first team games for the fourth division club.

Italians offer more for Olsen

Manchester United are investigating the possibility of financing the signing of the Danish player Jesper Olsen with the insurance money they will be paid for Steve Coppell's premature retirement.

Chance of revenge

Norwich City, holders of the FA Youth Cup have a chance to avenge a defeat by their senior side in the second round of this season's competition. They play at the Colchester Grosvenor against Bristol City, whose senior side beat Norwich in the FA Cup sixth round last season.

School for internationals

The foundation for England's assault on the World Cup in the 1990s was laid by the Football Association yesterday. The school, based at Lilleshall, is the brainchild of the England manager Bobby Robson, who was asked to produce a blueprint for the development of international players.

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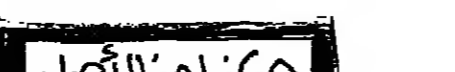
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RUGBY UNION: NEW ZEALAND PREPARE TO REAP DIVIDENDS AS THEIR YOUNG PLAYERS ARE BLOODED

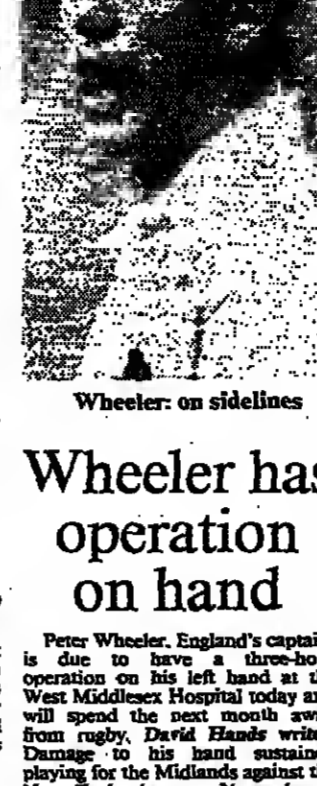
All Blacks make a long-term profit as tour pays off for home nations

There are two perspectives from which to view the New Zealand tour of Scotland and England which ended on Saturday...

of their scheduled visit to Argentina where they might have been able to bring on the newcomers away from the glare of publicity which has attended them here...

to choose from a strong hand, since many of their older heads will still be available together with those blooded in Britain.

through approach, the rapport he has established with players and a certain mordant humour which could see him and his current captain Wheeler develop a useful double act at post-match press conferences...



Wheeler: on sidelines

Wheeler has operation on hand

Peter Wheeler, England's captain, is due to have a three-hour operation on his left hand at the West Middlesex Hospital today...

BASKETBALL

Doncaster now face Schneeman coach for Olympics

The way things are going, it will soon be the English Basketball Association in name only. The first division is dominated by American players and from today there will be more American coaches than ever.

Tom Schneeman, coach of the Scottish champions Murray International Metals, Edinburgh, has beaten off the challenges of six other American coaches and the only English applicant...

Schneeman, aged 40, was previously coach to Bayreuth in the West German League and to the Seattle University team.

Rafter hopes to be match sharp for Saturday

Mike Rafter is fit to lead Gloucestershire in their county championship semi-final against Middlesex at Gloucester on Saturday...

will be replaced by Nick Price of Gloucester. Bryan Barley, the Wakefield centre, is recalled by Yorkshire for the semi-final against Somerset at Bath on Saturday...

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No more Moon down-under

Paris, (Reuter) - Brendan Moon, who has scored more runs for Australia than any other player, will almost certainly retire from representative rugby at the end of next season...

Speedwell, Hillingdon play monopoly

The English League continues to be a monopoly of the form book, both in the men's and women's sections. Speedwell Rucanor, the men's league and cup holders, defeated Polonia in Worcester on Saturday night to move closer to the top of the league with games in hand.

many unfavourable errors. On Sunday, Hillingdon, Speedwell reached the semi-finals of the Milkaas Cup, beating Beni 3-1 despite losing Steve Pincott, one of their leading attacking players, to a twisted ankle early in the game.

ing, are already looking forward to competing in Europe in 1984. They have settled the dispute with the English Volleyball Association...

RACING

New records hardly a hit with backers

Two course records were smashed at Windsor yesterday and it is a fair bet that a great many backers must have felt like getting that way themselves. Only one favourite, End Of Era, in the selling race obliged and once again it was the bookmakers who emerged into the frozen evening with a warm glow in the area of their wallets.

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John Francome travelled straight to Leicester yesterday on returning from Camden, South Carolina, where he rode Flatferry to victory in the Santa Anita Cup...

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Camden on Sunday. COLONIAL CUP CHASE (20.07.25; 2m 20) FLATTERER (g by Mo Bay - Horizontal (W) 1971) 1971-1972...

Saint-Martin in command on Darshaan From Desmond Stoneham Darshaan had yesterday's Criterion de Saint-Cloud won from a long way out. Under the guidance of Yves Saint-Martin the handsome son of Shirley Heights defeated Grand Orient by three lengths...

Bloodstock sales should avoid clash

It must be a matter of regret that the big sale of bloodstock which was to take place in London on Saturday and the Tattersalls sale at Newmarket actually overlap tomorrow. Europe is not big enough to have both sales in the same day...

Do Well, who went on to win the first division of the Royal Borough Novices Hurdle and Co Hogan's first jumping success when Sarah's Venture won division two of that race.

Canadian Oaks winner Cool Mood, who is by Northern Dancer, are among the mares on offer in foal to him.

Visitors to Newmarket later this week will also be able to catch a glimpse of some of the foals from the first crops of Badale, Fletcher, Hard Fought, Herby, King's Ladies, Known Fact, Mooreyette and Runnett.

Plumpton

- 1.00 NOVEMBER HURDLE (Div 1: 3-y-o; novices: 2690; 2m) (6 runners) 1. 12 RECORD DANCER (g by Bower) 2. 12 ROUND THE TWIST (g by Bower) 3. 12 FALKNEL PALACE (g by Bower) 4. 12 JACK RAMSEY (g by Bower) 5. 12 MALLARD (g by Bower) 6. 12 MURPHY (g by Bower)

Southwell

- 12.45 POPLAR CONDITIONAL CHASE (2078; 2m 74yd) (4 runners) 4. 6001-11. 6002-12. 6003-13. 6004-14. 6005-15. 6006-16. 6007-17. 6008-18. 6009-19. 6010-20. 6011-21. 6012-22. 6013-23. 6014-24. 6015-25. 6016-26. 6017-27. 6018-28. 6019-29. 6020-30. 6021-31. 6022-32. 6023-33. 6024-34. 6025-35. 6026-36. 6027-37. 6028-38. 6029-39. 6030-40. 6031-41. 6032-42. 6033-43. 6034-44. 6035-45. 6036-46. 6037-47. 6038-48. 6039-49. 6040-50. 6041-51. 6042-52. 6043-53. 6044-54. 6045-55. 6046-56. 6047-57. 6048-58. 6049-59. 6050-60. 6051-61. 6052-62. 6053-63. 6054-64. 6055-65. 6056-66. 6057-67. 6058-68. 6059-69. 6060-70. 6061-71. 6062-72. 6063-73. 6064-74. 6065-75. 6066-76. 6067-77. 6068-78. 6069-79. 6070-80. 6071-81. 6072-82. 6073-83. 6074-84. 6075-85. 6076-86. 6077-87. 6078-88. 6079-89. 6080-90. 6081-91. 6082-92. 6083-93. 6084-94. 6085-95. 6086-96. 6087-97. 6088-98. 6089-99. 6090-100. 6091-101. 6092-102. 6093-103. 6094-104. 6095-105. 6096-106. 6097-107. 6098-108. 6099-109. 6100-110. 6101-111. 6102-112. 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